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I have been an employee of the U.S. Postoffice twenty-five years. While working in the Money Order Department, 16 years ago, I was in contact with many boys selling papers in the lobby, who came often to my window to make change. In frequent conversation with them I found many could neither read nor write. This was an incentive to try and help the under-privileged boy.

Our city schools at that time were not holding free night school, and we had no compulsory school law. Every one seemed to be doing something for the girls but the under-privileged boys of our city were not being looked after. My heart was touched by the neglect of these poor street boys. Many had good parents, but were too poor to educate the boy. He had to get out and work to help the family along. Many more had parents who didn't care, and many were on the street alone in the world. I thought in making a good man of a boy it would be helping girls too.

I announced to the public that after my post-office hours in the evening, I would hold a free night school. Immediately Miss Eliza Warren of the Social Settlement, at 1st. and Cherry, offered me quarters, which I gladly accepted. One stormy night in January, 1908, I held my first class, by candle light in the Social Settlement kitchen. Seated around an old broken down table, were five little boys, trying to take up the work that would help to make them good citizens in the future. This was the beginning of the Boys' Club. The present superintendent, Lex Grant Nichols, was one of the five boys. In four months time

50 pupils had enrolled, eager to learn. At the close of school, May 30, 1908, I held a little entertainment for the boys, inviting a few prominent citizens who had become interested in the work. One gentleman asked the boys to write their names for him. Thinking of one boy, who had a rather hard time to learn, I offered to sign his name. He said, "Oh, no, this is the happiest moment of my life, to be able to write my own name."

The work advanced far beyond my expectations and while I was very grateful for the shelter given us, I realized the Settlement was overcrowded and it was best to have our own quarters. I decided to move the work uptown, where the newsboys could come in off the street and rest, and other boys could come and read during the day and evening, have quiet games, a story-hour, gymnasium exercises and educational classes.

During my vacation in August 1908, I solicited 50 merchants who gave me \$1.00 a month. I rented four rooms upstairs at 611 1/2 Ohio St., and started Fall work, September 1st, 1908. Many offered to help me and by the able volunteer assistance of Mrs. McIlroy Glenn and my daughter, Mrs. D.B. Shourds, we progressed. By Spring of 1909 many hundred boys had enrolled as members. We outgrew four rooms and moved next door into eight rooms. By this time we had a piano, tools for manual training, eight drums and four bugles, and a military company - well drilled. Two rooms on the first floor were converted into a gymnasium; class rooms, library and office were on the second floor. We also had a summer camp. Our income was \$800.00 a year. We had no paid

assistants and no debts were incurred. In 1910 the newly elected President, the late L.J. Cox, and the directors, thinking the work worth while, decided to move to larger quarters. We took the old McGregor Mansion 414 No. 6th St., and hired a Superintendent from Boston, highly recommended and experienced in Boys' Club Work. He remained with us until the first of the year 1911. The Club expenses at that time were high. Our Club house rent was \$840.00 a year, a rented gymnasium \$900.00, superintendents salary - \$1200.00; besides the upkeep, and salaries for other paid assistants. \$5,000.00 a year was our budget, which went further then than now. We were doing fine until we learned our Superintendent from Boston had made debts to the extent of \$3,800.00. The directors thought to close the doors. It seemed too much to pay off the debt and run the Club also, but instead we moved to smaller and less expensive quarters; the old Court-house, where we now are located. Two Charity Balls were given under the leadership of Mrs. Ray Jenckes and Mrs. John Lamb, for the benefit of the Club. The money from this source and all we collected went to pay off the \$3,800.00 debt. The Club was kept going as well.

During the War we did not solicit from our merchants, but existed on \$25.00 a month which we had been receiving from the city since 1909. All indebtedness had been paid and the Club did not owe a penny. We sent 57 boys to the Army and Navy. After the War the Welfare League was organized and we were made one of the members. We are now receiving \$255.00 a month from the Welfare League and \$25.00 from the City, \$2,000 less than our Budget was 14 years ago. This amount has not been sufficient

but we have been very thankful for this much. Our rent has been raised considerably but we have struggled along. We struggled before.

In 1911 our Club was incorporated by our good citizens under its present name, and became a member of the National and International Boys' Clubs of America.

In 1923, the Lions Club organized and became interested in Boys' Club work, deciding to sponser the under-privileged boy of our city. Later on the wives organized into the Lioness Club, to sponser the same cause. These two splendid organizations have done wonders for the Boys Club. Last year they spent more than \$500.00 in our work. They gave many parties, making camping expeditions possible, and cheering many little hearts. They have had rummage sales, bake sales, bridge parties, sold old newspapers and magazines--all for the cause. They gave us our first Christmas Tree last Christmas, 1923.

Mere words cannot express my appreciation to the Lions and Lionesses and the good citizens of Terre Haute, who have, through their loyal support, helped to make the work possible. It might be interesting to hear a few of these names: Messrs. A. Herz, L.J. Cox, Herman Hulman, Sr. and Jr., Mrs. Bruce Failey, Miss Helen Minshall, Mr. Demas Deming, Adolph Gagg and Spencer Ball, John T. Beasley, Crawford Fairbanks, Rev. John E. Sulger, W.W. Parsons, President Emeritus of the Indiana State Normal School; Dr. Carl Leo Mees, President Emeritus of the Rose Polytechnic, Prof. W.H. Wiley, Judge D.W. Henry, Frederick B. Smith, Prof. W.H. Wiley, Judge D.W. Henry, Frederick B. Smith, Prof.

John Peddle, Martha and Anna Royse, Mrs. John Lamb, Mrs. Ray Jenckes, Mrs. Sophia Wheeler, and our President, D.B. Shourds, who is a member of the National Board of Directors of the Boys Club Federation. Mr. Shourds and Mr. Will H. Hays represent Indiana on this Board.

This I have given you is only a brief outline of the work done in 16 years. I could write page after page and then not tell you all. I have appreciated all the kindness shown me with a grateful heart. I have never worked for glory, neither have I anticipated it. I have only been glad God has given me strength to do my bit toward good citizenship in "my own home town." Our path has been dark and rugged and many times we have faced despair, but with a will and determination for the sake of the boys we have kept going, for we knew light must be ahead somewhere. "Right always prevails", and the Boys' Club work in Terre Haute was started in the right way. It is God's work and God's work cannot fail.

May the old slogan long wave, "The boy whom no one else wants around is good enough for me."

FLORA GILMAN GULICK.

BOYS' CLUB WORK HOLDS INTEREST

Mrs. Flora Gulick, Originator of
Idea, Describes Good Accom-
plished for Youths.

LONG FIGHT IS MADE

Success Is Shown After Nine
Years of Sacrifice for "Boys
no One Else Wants."

Pioneer work in any direction is always an uphill climb and necessitates an expenditure of much time and energy, possibly a gloomy outlook for success for a long time, but one woman was willing to expend the time as well as the energy in creating a "home" for the "boy that no one else wanted" and that woman was Mrs. Flora Gulick who was the founder of the local Boys' Club and who has worked hard for its success through the nine years that it has been established. Claude Bowers once said, "she is the one woman in Terre Haute who has looked far into the future and has seen the great need of helping our boys of today if we would have good citizens on the morrow." Mr. Bowers also said that he could understand how an older woman, whose field of usefulness was not so great, could be willing to do this sort of work, but it was beyond his comprehension to see a beautiful woman, full of life make such a sacrifice of her own time and pleasure.

Boys Forget Dark.

This "home" where the boys congregate for pleasure, which is so interwoven with uplift work and beneficial knowledge, is at the northeast corner of Third and One street.

It is the Mecca of a large gathering of boys each evening. One little chap said you forgot the dark spots there when Mrs. Gulick smiled and was kind. One cannot help but become enthused to hear of the work of uplifting boys and girls as told by Mrs. Gulick, who has thrown her heart and soul into the work. Her idea is to get away from pauperism, teach the lads to help themselves some way and so mould their characters with a desire to be self reliant and to live clean lives. When asked if it was worth while, after working eight hours a day in an office to give her evenings gratis to uplift the boys of the street, Mrs. Gulick replied with a smile, "worth while! I feel sure that you never knew "Chicken," Skeeter," "Pigeye" and "Dirty Neck" and that notorious "Hot Tamale" gang and their antics. If we never do anything more we have to our credit the bridging over the precipice that yawned at the feet of this gang of boys who have grown now to honest young manhood. Yes, we have something else to our credit too, you are not seeing our messenger boys and newsboys staggering down the street.

Founder of Boys' Club

MRS. FLORA GILMAN GULICK, honorable vice president of the National Federated Boys' Club, also founder of the local Boys' Club, is happily engaged boosting for the Mardi Gras ball, which will be given March 7 at Hotel Deming for the benefit of that institution. Mrs. Gulick feels that new quarters with able assistants in the teaching will further the work of saving the "boy no one wants around."



Work Is Its Own Reward.

"What pleasure do I get? The pleasure we all get, happiness which we give to others reflects to us always. I have never sought or anticipated glory in my work. I have just been glad I have been given strength to help others more unfortunate than myself. I started the work in the right spirit and God's work cannot fail. Am I interested in the girls? I certainly am, but when I started the work nine years ago, so many things were being done for girls, but no one seemed to think of the wayward little boy. However, I started a girls' night school also, and it was a success. Some of the girls are holding good positions now, but I wish I could make every one feel like I do about my Boys' Club work. I should like to say to the world, "come into the field we need you and there is room for all. Mrs. Gulick had no special training for this work other than that, to express it in her own language, she received it in her school of suffering which has enabled her to help others."

She has been active in the business world for many years. Sixteen of them have been spent in the post office and one year keeping boarders, three in the cloak and suit department of a local store and nine years in uplift work, beside caring for her home and rearing her two daughters. Enthusiasm for the Mardi Gras ball is at white heat with Mrs. Gulick, who feels that the whole city is waking up to the needs of the boys and is willing to help finish the splendid work she began. Even while success seems about to crown her efforts her slogan still remains "The Boy no One Else Wants Around is Good Enough for Me." One young man who is an example of what the work has done for boys is working

each day at a prominent drug store, learning the drug business. One year ago Mrs. Gulick obtained a position for him and he is now helping to support his mother and is a painstaking and faithful worker. Others have been placed in good positions in other lines of business. One boy is employed with the Star Publishing Company, who owes his advancement to the good influence of the Boys' Club.

MARDI GRAS BALL TO ECLIPSE ALL RECORDS

Fancy Costumes Will Be Imported By
Many Who Will Participate
in Festivities.

With the importation of fancy costumes and the selling of tickets, the last details of the Mardi Gras ball to be given for the benefit of the Flora Gulick Boys' club, on March 7, at the Hotel Deming, are being successfully worked out. "Mardi Gras" is furnishing the chief topic of conversation in social circles, thus putting Terre Haute on the map in a new social light.

One of the leading haberdasheries will bring fancy dress suits for men, despite the fact that they have been unusually hard to procure. Other stores report through the publicity committee that any kind of crepe paper costume that may be desired may be had if orders are made quickly. Other stores will carry masques. Elaborate evening gowns are being shown in the shops that are giving attention to this occasion.

From all sides of the publicity committee come most favorable reports and Mrs. John Lamb, general chairman, states that there is no doubt of the complete success of the inauguration of the Mardi Gras ball in Terre Haute.

The members of the publicity committee are as follows: Mrs. Robert Walker, Mrs. Paul Crawley, Mrs. J. R. Finkelstein, Mrs. S. C. McKeen, Mrs. Canavan, Mrs. Harry Fisbeck, Mrs. Walter Himmelbauer, Mrs. L. E. Trinkle, Mrs. Harry Gilbert, Mrs. C. L. Runyan, Mrs. Stephen Hord, Mrs. Adolph Gagg, Mrs. U. C. Burns, Mrs. George Maier, Misses Alice Ijams, Ernestine Myers, Marian Goodman, Ernestine Lederer, Hortense McChesney, Mary Milam Hamill, Josephine Hamill, Louise Gilmour, Dorothy Rankin, Anna Royse, Edith Teel, Evelyn Black and Gertrude Wagner.

1916, Jan. 9 (T.H. Tribune) - Item of national interest: "Miss Helen Keller will be the chief speaker during the 3 day convention of the National Women's Peace Party in Washington, Jan. 8 - 10."

1916, Jan. 14 (THT) - Marriage of Nellie Filbeck and Malcolm A. Steele took place on Thursday evening in St. Louis in an Episcopal Church. Mr. Steele is prominent in insurance, bonding business, etc. Among various parties was a dinner hosted by Mrs. Max Blumberg, to be 1/15/16. Father of Miss Filbeck had recently died.

1916, Jan. 15 (SS) - p. 6 - "Mrs. Deutsch, of Cincinnati, is visiting Mrs. Max Blumberg."

1916, Jan. 15 (SS) - p. 21 - Discussion of a luncheon-card party, given by Mrs. Benjamin Goldman and sisters. Among the guests were Mrs. Deutsch, of Cincinnati, with Mrs. Blumberg.

1916, Jan. 15 (SS-WW) - article re: Ernestine Myers. At this time SS cost \$2.00 per year, .05 per copy.

1916, Jan. - Rural Routes were officially motorized on Jan. 1, after which the roads became almost impassable, causing much criticism of the Post Office - was described as a "Post Office boondogle"--no "horse sense" to start it mid-winter. There were so many dissatisfied farmers that the postmaster had his telephone disconnected.

1916, Feb. 12 (SS-WW) - article re: Kate Strouse Shibley, teacher of the deaf.

1916, Mar. 4 (SS) - Mrs. Thomas Rutherford, formerly of T.H., arrived from her home in Canada with her son Wayne, age 18, to prevent his being drafted for service in a Canadian regiment being recruited for service in Europe.

1916, Mar. 4 (SS) - "The Theresa Helping Hand Club is only six months old, but has already become a power for good in the north part of the city. It is remarkable what has been accomplished at the club rooms, 9th and Ash Street. Much interest is at present being manifested, owing to the rehearsing for a playlet, to be given in the auditorium of the YWCA, Friday night, March 10." (This may have been in the 1/15/16 SS - can't tell for sure from my notes; however, I am sure that what follows is from the 3/4/16 SS.) "The title is, 'The Theft of Thistledown'. A good deal of talent has been discovered by those training the children.

"Mrs. Nicholas Mesirow has charge of the dancing, with Miss Jennie Brown at the piano. The children will be assisted in the evenings performance by several grown people. Mrs. Wright is teaching the children to sing a chorus for the entertainment. A song dedicated to the Theresa Helping Hand has been composed for the occasion.

"Monday afternoon there was a rehearsal at the club rooms, a store room donated by Marshall Lee. While it has answered the purpose of the club thus far, a small complete house is much desired, in order that the girls can be trained in every branch of housework.

"Mrs. Max Bernheimer and Mrs. Bert Gates are faithful workers. They instruct in sewing. It is an interesting sight to see little girls, 8 years old, running sewing machines.

"A number of flannelette gowns have been completed, labeled with an embroidered initial on the front. These will be worn in a scene in the play. The work shows great neatness. Every scrap is used, pincushions being made of them.

"Mrs. H. F. Nosler and Mrs. May Woodard started the club. Mrs. Nosler discovered the need of such a training for girls of the north end in the course of her police work in Collette Park through two summers. She asked Mrs. Max Blumberg to take the presidency, which she did, and has been the mainstay ever since. Mrs. Blumberg spends a great deal of time at the club and is very generous with her money and everything started. Mrs. Carl Wolf also is a worker. She fits in anywhere, playing the piano or in teaching. Mrs. Leon Stern has started a story telling hour for each Saturday. Mrs. Stern has the gift of interesting children. Mrs. George Krietenstein is another faithful worker at the Club. Cooking, washing and ironing will be taught in the near future. The following are the officers and board members:

Mrs. Max Blumberg, President

Mrs. Mae Woodard, Vice-president

Mrs. H. F. Nosler, Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent

Miss Ella Grover, Assistant Secretary

Mrs. Carl Wolf, Board Member

Mrs. Max Bernheimer, Board Member

Mrs. Dunningham, Board Member

Mrs. Nicholas Mesirow, Board Member

Mrs. Leon Stern, Board Member

Mrs. George Krietenstein, Board Member

Mrs. Bert Gates, Board Member

Mrs. John O. Garrigus, Board Member

Miss Jennie Brown, Board Member

Mrs. Wright, Board Member

Mrs. Nora Ragsdale, Board Member

Miss Simms, Board Member

Mrs. Hal Dronberger, Board Member

Miss Grover, Board Member

Mrs. Anna Bowles Wiley, Board Member.

"A donation of six chairs was made to the home Monday by the Scott Furniture Company.

(In an additional paragraph is listed the program for March 10, starting with an opening number of Mid-summer Nights Dream, a recitation, vocal solo, playlet - The Theft of Thistledown - by the children, opening chorus of Fairies, with Jennie Brown at the piano, then the Queen of the Fairies, Attendants, Pixies, etc.).

1916, Mar. 4 (SS) - "Levin Brothers, Wholesale Notions Dealers of Terre Haute, are privileged to see many queer features of the

have not secured a ticket from Mrs. John E. Lamb or her helpers, come and pay at the door. Single tickets are \$2.50."

1917 - One phrase that is seen frequently in the SS is "rattling good speech", when referring to a past or an anticipated oral presentation.

1917, Feb. 24 (SS-p.17) - "The second Mardi Gras Ball, given for the benefit of the Flora Gulick Boys Club, at Hotel Deming, Tuesday night, while not so brilliant socially as the one last season, was even more successful financially. The presence of Governor Ralston and other notables on the occasion of the first ball, and the elaborate Mardi Gras decorations and costumes, made the initial affair one of the most artistic affairs in the city's social life.

"Since funds to carry on the altruistic work of this club was the goal, rather than that the ball should be an artistic affair, led the management to look to that end and eliminate the expensive accessories. It was most fitting that in these days of war and rumors of war the decorations be patriotic. The ballroom was effectively decorated with large flags covering the old rose draperies. In the center of the room was a standard filled with flags.

"Mrs. Gulick, Superintendent, dressed in pure white, looking very happy, stood at the entrance to welcome the guests. She was assisted by James M. Hoskins, president of the club, and Mrs. Hoskins, Mrs. John E. Lamb, chairman of the ball, and Ben Blumberg, one of the active workers.

"At 8:30 one hundred boys of the club marched in from the east entrance of the ballroom where they were given flags and executed a grand march. People were moved almost to tears, at the sight of these boys in their poor garb, some lame and many with faces showing the lack of bathroom facilities. They presented a striking contrast with the beauty of the costumes of the ladies and the dress suits of the men. They boys, however, looked happy.

"They sang with them, songs prepared for the occasion, and their 'rah, rah's' echoed through the corridors. They cheered for Mrs. Gulick, for Mrs. Hoskins, for Mrs. Lamb, and for Mr. Blumberg. Their presence was quite the distinctive feature of the ball. As a civic investment, helping to keep the club up for these boys, the future men of the city, certainly was impressed upon those witnessing the grand march of these youngsters.

"The leader carried the battle torn flag owned by General Charles Cruft, of this city, a standard carried by his regiment through the entire Civil War. Mayor Joseph Bell and R. Jarvis, head of the Federated Boys Club of Indianapolis, sent telegraphic regrets. Mr. Jarvis was detained owing to legislation in connection with the juvenile court. He promised to come soon and address the club. Lewis J. Cox, former president of the club, sent greetings from New York.

"As they left the room the boys sang, 'Good Night, Ladies'. They were given a treat in the coffee room of sandwiches and ice cream. A number of young girls assisted in serving the

refreshments of sandwiches and coffee in the Hoosier Nook. Mrs. Harry J. Baker and Mrs. Herman Hulman acted as hostesses at large. The younger set of girls and boys were out in large number and had a grand time, for the floor was perfect and the music exhilarating.

"Last year \$700 was realized from the ball and this year it will probably be more.

"Miss Millikin, of Hamilton, visiting Mrs. A. L. Pfau, was an out of town guest. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Brazil, were with Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins. Mrs. Lucy Walker, of New York, was with her brother, Herbert Royse. Miss Margaret Watson had as her guest for the ball Misses Dorothy Crabell and Mildred Daugherty, of Indianapolis."

1917, Mar. 3 (SS) - "On account of the high cost of potatoes, the tubers have been banished from the bill of fare of the Rose Orphan Home."

1917, Mar. 3 (SS) - "Suffragists to the number of several hundred paraded down town streets in celebration of the passage of the bill by the Legislature giving women the right to vote in Indiana."

1917, Mar. 3 (SS) - "Terre Haute barbers raised the price of hair cutting to \$0.35." 1917, Mar. 3 (SS, p.14) - Article re: Mrs. Leon Stern.

1917, Mar. 10 (SS-WE) - "Final settlement of expenses incident to Mardi Gras ball, given for the benefit of the Boys' Club, showed a balance for the club of \$720.50."

1917, Mar. 10 (SS) - "The second annual dinner of the Terre Haute DePauw Alumni Association will be held at the Hotel Deming main dining room this evening at 7 o'clock."

(para. listing officers)

"The Alumni Association is composed of not only those who have graduated from DePauw, but anyone who has attended DePauw. A non-DePauw husband or wife is an honorary member of the association. There is a total membership in the city of 125."

(Next para. describes the program, including a travel talk, and an address by Vice-President Gobin. The 125 members were then listed and included "Mr. & Mrs. Ben Blumberg".)

1917, Mar. 10 (SS-WW) - Quote from article by Susan Ball regarding the increased interest in exercise programs: "Housework is needed to give the brain a rest and to develop the muscles properly."

1917, Mar. 10 (SS) - "A 'Baby Contest' inaugurated by the Root Store and in which several hundred babies are entered, promises to be a most interesting affair between now and May 6, when the contest ends.

"Each baby is weighed when it is entered and will be weighed every week thereafter until the close of the contest. The baby

THE INDIANAPOLIS NEWS,

Gets Club Medal



TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 26 (Spl.)—Mrs. Flora Gulick, founder and director of the Boy's Club here, received a medal for thirty years' service in boys' club work at the thirtieth annual convention of the Boys' Clubs of America, which has just closed at Philadelphia.

This was the sixth medal awarded Mrs. Gulick by the Boys' Clubs of America, one having been presented to her at the close of each of her five-year periods of work.

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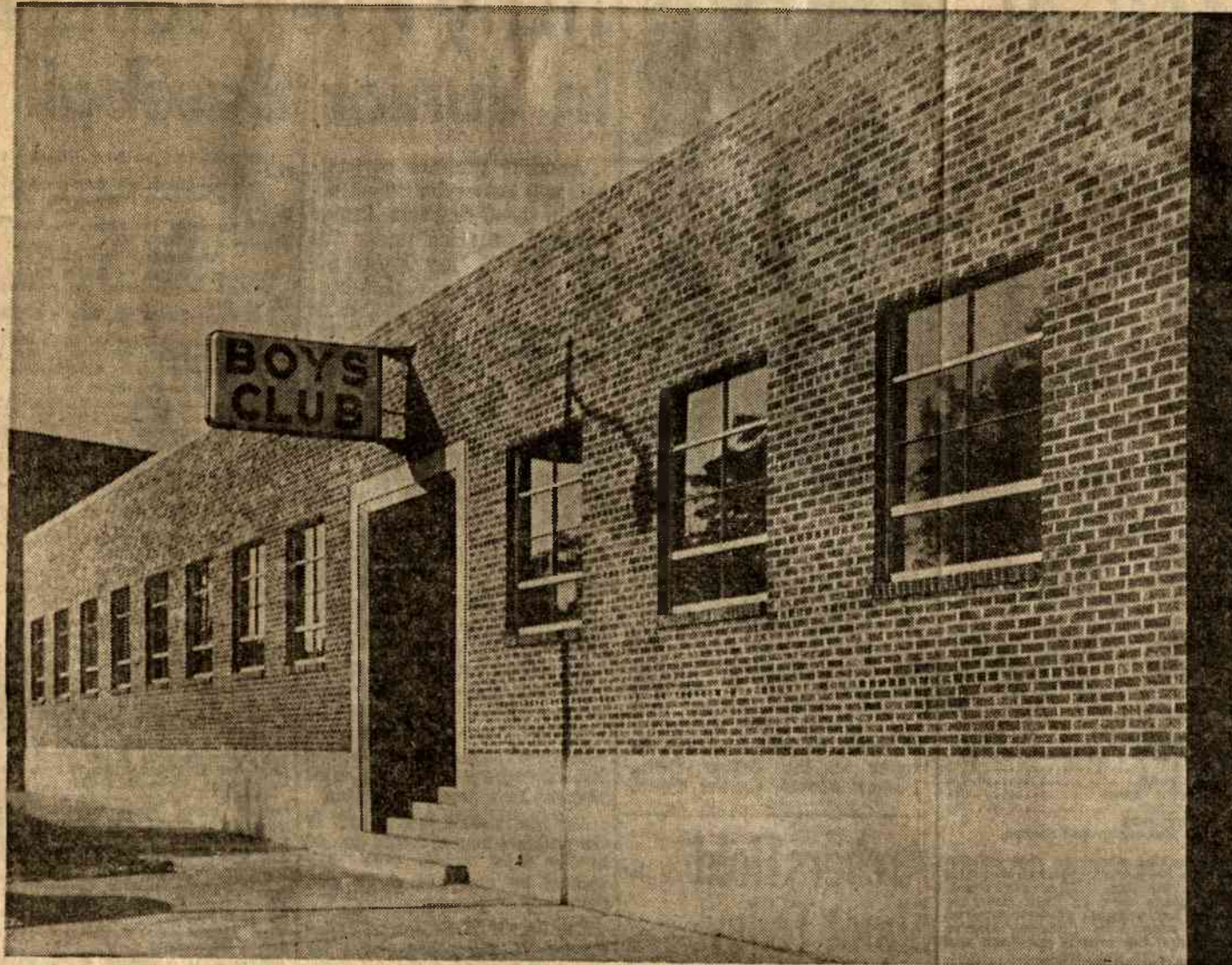
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THE PRESENT BOYS' CLUB at 220 North Third street provides modern facilities for the many members of the club.

Local Club Was Organized in January, 1908

By DOROTHY J. CLARK

This year marks the golden anniversary of the founding of the Boys' Club by Mrs. Flora Gilman Gulick. Employed at the local post office since 1899 in the money order department, she became interested in the boys who sold newspapers on the streets. These youngsters would come into the post office and ask her for change and advice. She learned that many of these underprivileged boys could neither read nor write.

Realizing there was no compulsory education in Terre Haute at that time, she decided to sponsor a room where she could gather these boys together to teach them not only how to make change, use good grammar and cleanliness, but how to live together and become good citizens. Some of these boys had even become addicted to drink, and Mrs. Gulick determined to stop this degradation at once. The sight of newsboys and messengers staggering along the city streets was too much for this sympathetic woman to endure.

One stormy January night in 1908, fifty years ago, the first small beginning was made. With the snow about four feet deep, a small group of boys answered the call from Mrs. Gulick and, by candlelight, sat around a broken down table in the kitchen of the old Social Settlement House, the Bauermeister building, at First and Cherry streets. Lex G. Nichols, now assistant superintendent of the Boy's Club, informed me that he was one of this original group. Three other boys who attended with him from the James Hook School were Clifford Moon, Leon Craig and Bill Meacham, the last two now deceased.

Particular Incident Recalled.

One particular incident that occurred that evening was never to be forgotten by Mr. Nichols. The meeting was to be opened by reciting the pledge of allegiance to the American flag, when an older boy jumped up, pulled out a red flag from under his coat, and refused to recite the pledge. Immediately all the other boys started after this troublemaker. They chased him until they caught him, bringing him back to Mrs. Gulick for punishment. She delivered a stern lecture, and made the young lad kneel down in front of the flag while the rest of the group gave the pledge. Mr. Nichols also recalled that some sacred songs were sung, as Mrs. Gulick was very devoutly religious.

The Boys' Club began to grow slowly from this small beginning. Her daughter, Mrs. D. B. Shourds, and Mrs. McIlroy Glenn were her only assistants. About two years later, it was moved to 611½ Ohio street, in the Mayhew Building, next door to the Star Building, and next door to the Pugh Bicycle Store. These quarters soon proved to be inadequate, and the club was moved to 414 North Sixth street, near Chestnut street, in the old McGregor mansion, where it stayed until it was disbanded for a few months.

Incorporated in 1911.

In 1911 the Club was incorporated, becoming a member of the National and International Boys' Club Federation. Mrs. Gulick was honored by being elected vice president of the National Federation, due to her excellent work done here.

In October, 1913, the Boys' Club was reorganized and moved to 30½ South Third street, near Ohio street. The formal opening was held

on Monday evening, December 1, 1913, at these new quarters, formerly the old Empire Theater, burlesque house, and a long time before that, the old courthouse. Membership dues for the boys was five cents a month. The directors in 1913 were Louis J. Cox, president; Rev. John E. Sulger, vice president; Benjamin Blumberg, secretary; W. K. Hamilton, treasurer, and Mrs. Gulick, superintendent.

During this period, the Boys' Club depended solely on gifts, regular monthly subscriptions, and twenty-five dollars each month from the city, as estimated monthly income of only fifty dollars. W. N. Cox donated the building. From an old record I learned that, "... the club is showing a remarkable influence on the boys. Instead of being the rowdy, unmanageable gang that they were during the first week, they have now become an orderly group of boys who come to the club rooms to play games, read books, and get what instruction the teachers there are prepared to give them . . . the parents of these children expressed their approval of the good influence the club had proven to be . . ."

One Thousand Books.

Benjamin Blumberg wrote this comment in the newspaper in 1913: "The quarters of the Boys' Club in the old Empire Theater Building, Third and Ohio, is now well equipped with one thousand books, a cookstove and a great many small games, such as checkers, dominoes, lotto and fishpond . . . billiard table and pool table are rented at the rate of one cent per fifteen minutes. . . in the class rooms there is some sort of class every evening . . . arithmetic, literature, etc . . ."

Many benefits were staged to raise money for this worthy cause. The Asbury Glee Club of DePauw University presented several benefit programs at the First Methodist Church here. The mothers of the boys made quilts to be sold and the proceeds went to the Club treasury. May 1st was designated annually as "Attic Day" and local citizens were urged to "clean out your attic and see what you have for the Boys' Club."

Celebration Recalled.

On Dec. 31, 1913, there was a New Year's Eve celebration. Boys mentioned for special rewards were: Earl Zimmerman, Earl Rid-

dle, Howard Smith, Leon and George Craig, Fred and Clarence Goodrich, Herbert Brown, John Kelly, LaVerne Purdy, Stowle and Ora Inman, John Carico, Hugh O'Donnell, Allen Klansawyer and George Carroll.

On Washington's birthday, in 1914, the boys gave a party. They all wore George Washington hats, had their hair powdered and each one carried an American flag. The event opened with a grand march led by Mayor and Mrs. Donn M. Roberts. Music for dancing was furnished by a Victrola donated by the Root Store.

In April, 1914, the Boys' Club started their weekly newspaper. The staff included Jake Grosser, Ed Marshall, Ray Harris and Leon Craig, under the tutelage of Paul Baugh, local newspaperman.

Christmas Activities.

The Christmas week activities of that year culminated in the first annual Christmas eve supper.

Chambers Chili Parlors donated the "chili feed" and "Patsy" Mahoney furnished some of his famous sweet orange cider and cornucopias filled with fancy cakes. Several of the city school teachers had been giving their time to the Boys' Club and were honored. They were Frances Weldele, typing; Margaret Mischler, asst. typing; Matilda Roberts, scrap book; Bertha Leventhal, asst. scrap book; Helen Pfeiffer, English and writing, and Helen Novotney, arithmetic. Miss Ella Grover, principal of Hook School, was also active in this work, as was her sister, Miss Mayme Grover.

In 1915 several dances were given to benefit the basketball team of the Boys' Club. Music for dancing was furnished by Harry Goodwin, on piano, and Raymond Miller, on drums.

Probably the biggest benefit ever to be held in this city was the

Mardi Gras Ball held at the Hotel Deming in 1916. Under the direction of Mrs. John E. Lamb, who served as general chairman, it was the outstanding social event of the year. Special costumes were ordered by the trunkload from Chicago and kept secret until the big night. The entertainment and decorations were very elaborate. Governor Samuel M. Ralston and his wife were the guests of honor. Also attending was the mayor of Indianapolis and his wife. Mrs. Gulick had written special words to the tune of "Tipperary" for the boys to sing as their part of the program. This original song told of the work and play at the club.

Self-Governing Successful.

Her idea for a self-governing policy proved successful in the management of the quarters as well as in the games. Six of the members who had been in the club for ten years were called "captains" and assigned one night each

Local Club Was Organized in January, 1908

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one thousand dollars or the cabin.

A dam was finished after two years of hard work by the boys, making a lake of their own for fishing and boating. Later, the stream that furnished the water for the lake during flood stage carried too much silt and gravel and the lake became useless. The dam was blown out, hoping that future floods would again clear out the deposits. Each year the boys built a small dam for the younger boys to use for swimming, a place where those who could not swim were taught to swim. This proved satisfactory to all. The larger boys have two places where they swim; one is a pond belonging to one of their very good neighbors, the other is Sugar Creek, where the boys enjoy swimming and other water activities.

Quonset Hut Purchased.

In 1947 a quonset hut was purchased from monies derived from paper drives and was erected away from camp to be used as an outpost. A lot of work has gone into the cleaning up, clearing out, etc., at the present camp quarters which has been moved back into the woods about one hundred yards.

In the future, a flood-control dam is to be erected and according to survey, the high water line will be beyond the old campsite. In 1957 a new camp was built with money received from the Turrell Foundation. It now has six new cabins, one housing modern toilets, shower baths and wash basins. The other five have a capacity of fifty boys and five counselors. The dining hall and the kitchen are modern in every way and include an electric dish washer, garbage disposal, new refrigeration, new deep freeze, facilities for washing and drying clothes, beautiful fire places, an office and first aid room. All are fully equipped.

This modern layout is certainly a far cry from the candlelit kitchen back in 1908, fifty years ago, when Mrs. Gulick gathered together the first small group of boys around the broken down table. When asked if it was worthwhile, after working eight hours a day in an office, to give her evenings gratis to uplift the boys of the street, Mrs. Gulick replied with a smile, "Worthwhile! I feel sure that you never knew 'Chicken,' 'Skeeter,' 'Pigeeye' and 'Dirty Neck' and that notorious 'Hot Tamale Gang' and their antics."

On a modest flat stone tablet in Woodlawn Cemetery are inscribed these words: "Flora Gilman Gulick, 1865-1941, Founder of Florence Gilman Gulick Boys' Club." I'm sure she would not want any other epitaph.

Comment By Bowers.

Claude G. Bowers once said, "She is the one woman in Terre Haute who has looked far into the future and has seen the great need of helping out the boys of today if we would have good citizens on the morrow."

To prove that Flora Gilman Gulick's dream has come true concerning her boys becoming "good citizens on the morrow," we can list, in addition to those already mentioned: C. Weir Kirk, Wayne Kirk, Oscar Hinton, Charles Woolen, Pete Olah, "Butch" Murphy, Philip Monninger, Jr., Carl Jackson, Richard Doherty, Roy Buckingham, "Fatty" Wetzel, Harry Worsham, "Spud" Sample, Everett Dickerson, "Bede" Worman, "Iggy" Fowler, Glen Maxwell, Clyde Cooper, Theodore Pomeroy, Leo Booth, "Fat" Perkins, Eugene Keller, Charles Mathews, Carl Hogan, Jesse Klippert, John Trierweiler, Sam Thomas, Paul Ferrell and the famous prize-fighter, "Bud" Taylor.

Present officers are: Francis Yenowine, president; John Schmidt, vice president; A. W. Burton, secretary; Ralph Llewellyn, treasurer for over forty years. The directors are: Warren Miller, Charles H. Ray, Allen Merrill, Mike Yatsko, Marion Underwood, Marshall Hubbard, Hugh B. Lee, Sr., Charles Piety, Mrs. John E. Talley, Carl Bauermeister, Sr., Edward Bauer, Joe Cloutier and Joe Higgins.

week to have charge of the club. A "court" was organized to deal with discipline problems, under the direction of Benjamin Blumberg, attorney. Some of the offenses were chewing tobacco, swearing, breaking into the club and fighting.

In 1919 Dalton B. Shourds, Mrs. Gulick's son-in-law, was elected president of the Flora Gilman Gulick Boys' Club at the thirteenth annual meeting; Profescsor John B. Peddle, vice president; Lena M. Brown, secretary, and Harry Cohen, treasurer. In addition, the following directors were elected: Benjamin Blumberg, Robert R. Walker, Samuel H. McClary, Wm. H. Wiley, George Parker, A. C. Keifer, Rev. J. H. Ryan, Rabbi Fink, Andrew Powers, John Joyce and Mrs. Adolph Gagg. On land donated by Crawford Fairbanks at the river and Crawford street, between Swan and Park streets, an athletic field was planned.

Quarters Outgrown.

Soon the club rooms were overcrowded again, and the old Ball Funeral Home at 220 North Third street was purchased as a permanent home for the Boys' Club in 1922. Much of the credit for the purchasing of this home and the new gymnasium that was added later in 1925 was due to the fund-raising efforts of Anna Bowles Wiley, local newspaper woman and the Lion's Club of Terre Haute.

Ted Moore became director in 1928 and has served in that capacity for the last thirty years. In 1940 the corner building at Third and Eagle was purchased by C. J. Root and shower baths and a locker room were built in between to join the two buildings. The frame building which was formerly the Ball Funeral Home was condemned by the fire department.

In 1950 the Board of Directors started thinking about a new Boys' Club. Throughout World War II the boys had conducted salvage drives which had enabled them to place quite a sum of money in the bank from their earnings. In July, 1951, the new Boys' Club, under the name of "Terre Haute Boys' Club" was opened to all boys in Vigo County. The citizens of Terre Haute have invested about a quarter of a million dollars in one of the most modern Boys' Clubs in the middle west where approximately 1,500 boys of all colors, races and religions enjoy a large gymnasium with a full-rounded program, modern work shop with every possible electrical equipment, a downstairs game room for small boys which includes electrical games, ping-pong, pocket billiards, large sand piles, boxing,

wrestling, weight-lifting and a rifle range.

All Sorts of Games.

The upstairs includes a large game room for older boys equipped with every sort of game interesting to older boys, a modern kitchen, one of the largest gymnasiums in the middle west, automatic shower baths, lockers, well-equipped library, typing room, class room and check room.

On the vacant lot directly to the north, owned by the Boys' Club is a large playground; all the modern playground equipment was a gift of Mrs. Rudolph Yung.

It was the opinion of the staff of the Boys' Club that a great deal of good can be done for boys who participate in a camp program. It teaches a boy to live and work with his fellow man and to cooperate with the group. He is taught manners at every opportunity, and especially at meal time, he is taught table manners and to say grace.

The boys are taught all kinds of outdoor activities, games and learn

purpose of trying to start a permanent summer camp program. Five tents were purchased and the boys made a combination dining room and kitchen out of scrap lumber from in and around the Boys' Club. This was screened-in and, with the addition of some home-made tables and a wood cook stove, by July 1, 1939, they were in business. That first year proved very popular with the boys and operated four weeks with 25 boys each week. However, this location was too near the river and dangerous because of so many large trees. During wet weather it was almost too cold for the boys.

Given 72 Acres.

In 1940, C. J. Root purchased for the Boys' Club 72 acres which included the original campsite. Another campsite was selected about a quarter of a mile from the river, and in the spring Camp Gulick was begun again. The old dining hall and kitchen were moved up to the new site and were used as a kitchen. A dining hall was built onto this, using lumber from the

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to identify trees, flowers, birds, animals and eatable mushrooms. They are taught skills in handicraft, fire-building, cooking, how to clean their own cabins and keep them neat. A boy is apt to live as an adult as he did when he was a child, the same as his family. After a boy has attended a modern camp he will return home instilled with thoughts and ideas of a higher standard of living.

Permanent Camps Loom.

In 1939 a plot of ground about halfway between Turkey Run and the Shades, known as the "Mandy Logan place," was rented to the Terre Haute Boys' Club for the

old Boys' Club that was torn down in 1940.

In those first two years, gas pressure lamps were used and anything else that would make a light. By the second year in the new location, rural electrification was brought in, a new refrigerator was purchased, one old cabin was bought in Terre Haute and transferred to camp, and another new cabin was erected. This new cabin was obtained in the National Mars Candy contest in which the Terre Haute Boys' Club came out second in the nation and had a choice of

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OLDEST BOYS' CLUB PICTURE in existence. Note gas lights. Mrs. Flora Gullick, founder of the club (in white) is instructing the boys, perhaps in reading.



COMMITTEE FOR ONE OF THE EARLY TOY COLLECTIONS at the old Boys' Club. Left to right: George Krienstein, Mrs. Flora Gulick, Sam Thomas and Mabel McKee. The late Miss McKee was a member of the editorial staff of the old Terre Haute Post at the time the picture was made.

Boys Club marks 75th anniversary

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By DOROTHY J. CLARK

This month marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Terre Haute Boys Club by Flora Gilman Gulick. She became interested in the underprivileged boys who sold newspapers on the city streets. Unable to read or write, these youngsters would come into the Post Office and ask for change and advice. Mrs. Gulick had been employed in the money order department of the local post office since 1899.

Realizing there was no compulsory education in Terre Haute at that time, she decided to sponsor a room where she could gather these boys together and teach them not only how to make change, use good grammar, and cleanliness, but how to live together and become good citizens.

Some of these boys had become addicted to drink, and Mrs. Gulick determined to stop this degradation at once. The sight of newsboys and messengers staggering along the streets was more than this sympathetic woman could endure.

One stormy January night in 1908, 75 years ago, the first small beginning was made. The snow was nearly four feet deep, but a small group of boys answered her invitation. They sat around a broken down table in the kitchen of the old Social Settlement House, the Bauermeister building, at First and Cherry streets.

Lex G. Nichols, later assistant superintendent of the local Boys Club, was a charter member of this group. Also attending from the James Hook School were Clifford Moon, Leon Craig and Bill Meacham.

Mr. Nichols recalled one incident from that meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was to open the meeting when an older boy jumped up, pulled out a red flag from under his coat, and refused to recite the pledge.

All the other boys started after the troublemaker. Following a chase, they caught him and returned him to Mrs. Gulick. She delivered a stern lecture, forcing the young lad to kneel down in front of the flag while the rest of the group recited the Pledge. Mrs. Gulick was devoutly religious, and Mr. Nichols recalled that sacred songs were sung at the meetings.

From this small beginning, the Boys Club began to grow slowly. Mrs. D. B. Shourds, daughter of Mrs. Gulick, and Mrs. McIlroy



Glenn, became assistants. About two years later, the club was moved to 611½ Ohio St., in the Mayhew Building, next door to the Star Building.

These quarters soon proved to be inadequate, and the club moved to 414 N. Sixth St., in the old McGregor mansion near Chestnut Street, where it stayed until it was disbanded for a few months.

In 1911 the club was incorporated, became a member of the National and International Boys Club Federation. Mrs. Gulick was honored by being elected vice president of the National Federation due to her excellent work here.

In October, 1913, the Boys Club was reorganized and moved to 30½ S. Third St., near Ohio. The formal opening was held Dec. 1, 1913 in these new quarters, formerly the old Empire Theatre, a

burlesque house, and a long time before that, the temporary court house.

Membership dues for the boys was five cents a month. The directors in 1913 were Louis J. Cox, president; the Rev. John E. Sulger, vice president; Benjamin Blumberg, secretary; W. K. Hamilton, treasurer; and Mrs. Gulick, superintendent.

During this period, the Boys Club depended solely on gifts, regular monthly subscriptions, and \$25 each month from the city, an estimated monthly income of only \$50. The building was donated by Mr. Cox.

An old record states: "The club is showing a remarkable influence on the boys. Instead of being the rowdy, unmanageable gang that they were during the first week, they have now become an orderly group

of boys who come to the club rooms to play games, read books, and get what instruction the teachers there are prepared to give them... the parents of these children expressed their approval of the good influence the club had proven to be..."

In 1913, Blumberg wrote this comment for the newspaper, "The quarters of the Boys Club in the old Empire Theatre Building, Third and Ohio, is now well-equipped with 1,000 books, a cookstove, and a great many small games, such as checkers, dominoes, lotto and fishpond... billiard table and pool table are rented at the rate of one cent per 15 minutes... in the class rooms there is some sort of class every evening... arithmetic, literature, etc..."

Many benefits were staged to raise money for this worthy cause. The Asbury Glee Club of DePauw University presented several benefit programs at the First Methodist Church. The mothers of the boys made quilts to be sold with the proceeds going to the club treasury. May 1st was designated annually as "Attic Day." Local citizens were urged to "clean out your attic and see what you have for the Boy's Club."

Boys receiving special awards at the New Year's Eve celebration in 1913 were Earl Zimmerman, Earl Riddle, Howard Smith, Leon and George Craig, Fred and Clarence Goodrich, Herbert Brown, John Kelly, LaVerne Purdy, Stowle and Ora Inman, John Carico, Hugh O'Donnell, Allen Klansawyer and George Carroll.

The boys gave a Washington's Birthday Party in 1914. They powdered their hair, wore tricorne hats and carried American flags. Mayor and Mrs. Donn M. Roberts led the grand march. Music for dancing was furnished by a Victrola donated by the Root Store.

In April, 1914, the Boys Club started a weekly newspaper, with local newspaper man, Paul Baugh, instructing the staff made up of Jake Grosser, Ed Marshall, Ray Harris and Leon Craig.

The Christmas week activities of that year culminated in the first annual Christmas Eve supper. Chambers' Chili Parlor donated the "chili feed" and Patsy Mahaney furnished his famous sweet orange cider and cornucopias filled with fancy cakes.

Next Sunday's column will continue the history of the Boys Club which celebrates its 75th year of service to the community.

Boys' Club

BY ANNA BOWLES WILEY
Of The Terre Haute Tribune.

It is not generally known that Flora Gilman Gulick founded the Boys' Club movement, but it was Mrs. Gulick who started this far-reaching work which has reached from coast to coast. It was indeed from her small start in teaching the underprivileged boys of this city, many of whom could not read or write, after her business hours in the evening, and her adoption of the slogan: "The Boy Whom No One Else Wants Around, Is Good Enough for Me," that brought about an emulation of her example into thousands of similar clubs in the United States.

The great Boys' Club Federation of America is one of the far-reaching efforts in the United States and has brought about inestimable good through the work of furthering citizenship, reclaiming timber which might have been criminal.

The poet says that our mansion in the skies depends entirely upon the sort of material we send up to the throne of grace through life and if this be true, we shall see no stailier mansion in after life than that built by Flora Gilman Gulick of Terre Haute, Ind.

She has for better than 32 years been transforming crude material, boys in the rough, into better citizens. She has been moulding the character of the underprivileged lad who came under her supervision at the Flora Gilman Gulick Boys' Club.

Birth of an Idea.

It will be remembered that she was an employe of the local Post Office for many years. While working in the money order department and at the "Nixie" desk, she came in contact with boys selling newspapers in the lobby of the Federal Building and who went to her window to make change.

In frequent conversation she discovered that many could neither read nor write. The city schools were holding no free night schools then, and Indiana had no compulsory school law.

All effort seemed to be stressed for girls and no one, according to Mrs. Gulick, seemed to be looking after the underprivileged boy.

The heart of this kindly woman was touched by the neglect of the boys. She started a free night school after her postoffice hours. She was offered quarters in the poorer part of the city and one stormy night in January, 1908, she held her first class by candle light, seated around a broken down table and an old cooking stove, and with her were five small boys, trying to take up work that would make them good citizens of the future.

One might say that "great oaks from tiny acorns grow" is true. In this instance one is reminded that this was the humble beginning of the Flora Gilman Boys' Club, which now has an enrollment of 900 boys with one of the first five serving as assistant superintendent.

In four months time there was an enrollment of from five to fifty boys, all eager to learn. It is a pleasing vision that comes of the advancement year after year until the local Boys' Club is not alone in their own permanent home today, but has a Summer camp, a work shop building and many, many other adventures which have come about through the influence of Mrs. Gulick, for whom business men and philanthropists have much admiration, for she has carried on, despite discouragement and needs.

She has sacrificed her own salary, and her salary when paid by the club the last few years has been divided and used for the good of the club; for many years she has served with not alone no pay, but gave what she had toward the Boys' Club cause, for it has been nearer her heart than other things—especially since her three lovely daughters and her mother departed this life.

Constantly Growing Needs.

One finds that the urge for larger quarters brought about a solicitation on the part of Mrs. Gulick of the merchants, who gave her \$1 each a month. She rented four rooms and then eight rooms later on in a better location. By this time the club had a piano, tools for manual training, eight drums, four bugles and a military company, well drilled.

Two rooms on the lower floor of the building were converted into a gymnasium; class rooms, library and office were on the second floor.

The club also had a Summer camp on an income of \$800 a year. The city donated \$25 a month and from the grain of mustard back in 1908 the club had grown into a flourishing affair and is expanded much further today. Not one cent of salary did Mrs. Gulick receive.

Possibly one could better realize how effective this Boys' Club work has been if the mental vision could carry one back to those years of the early 1900s when the "Hot Ta-

male Gang" and the "Dirty Dozen," two rival groups of half-grown boys, held forth on the east bank of the river up to Sand Bur Hollow, which flourished then.

If one could have seen the homes where the boys existed, made from goods boxes, where stolen straw from some friendly hay stack or from someone's barn kept them from actually freezing, crude boarded-up shanties burrowing into the sands of the historic Wabash River, some of them with hay-covered roofs, with dirt and squalor within, housing them at night.

Perhaps they slept in the reeking barns of Jockey Alley which of themselves were boarded up affairs, made of odds and ends and housing several old broken down horses, and which were run by all kinds of characters who lived by trading horses.

If one could have met and known "Skeeters" or "Pig Eye," "Dirty Neck," "Chicken" and the rest of these gang members who were among the first members of that embryo Boys' Club eventually and now, take note of what they have made of themselves, through this woman's influence. Surely, in letters of gold on the mighty calendar of events worth-while would be written the name of Mrs. Flora Gilman Gulick and her slogan for the bringing across those boys to honest young manhood.

One can record the wealth of an institution, its value in dollars and cents; one can point to stately structures, but the intangible wealth which has been housed in humble surroundings like has the Boys' Club, is unmeasurable. It is like a pebble cast into the sea, its ripples never cease until they have reached from shore to shore.

Since that first group formed the nucleus of the Boys' Club Mrs. Gulick's slogan has gone into almost every city in the United States and even across the seas. How much influence in building morale has gone, who can say?

Some Achievements.

The work of the underprivileged boy has progressed. Flora Gilman Gulick has braved the storm, the sleet, snow and rain; waded mud to houseboat or across slushy sands to Taylorville; braved the darkest night to minister to some mother or little sister, or it might be to the Boys' Club member himself, because an appeal had been made to her at the club. No matter what the odds against her own comfort.

She has tied up more sore toes and bleeding fingers, bathed more blackened eyes, won in fighting, maybe, than any woman, tenderly nurtured, at least known in Terre Haute.

She has encouraged the hungry through her own dividing, what she has had—a bowl of soup, or a hot meal, or even a treat of apples when all else failed—so that the pangs of hunger could be appeased and those suffering might believe that "someone cared."

She took the boy of undeveloped material, veritably plastic clay, and moulded him, taught him morals, manners, patriotism, along with his letters and sums in arithmetic.

She inculcated a belief in God into the souls of these underprivileged ones. She had long before learned, through her own faith, that "of such are the Kingdom of Heaven." Too well she knew that the little ragged boy, whose toes were cold as they protruded from worn-out shoes, whose fingers many

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times did freeze and whose stomach was oftentimes gnawing with hunger, could only learn of God through good and kindly deeds.

With very little early encouragement from the citizens of her own home city, Flora Gulick served to make more comfortable and encourage these underprivileged boys. Then came a result, for all over America were organized Boys' clubs. They became so numerous and so important that a National Federation of Boys' Clubs was formed. Then an international federation was created, all carrying the slogan, "The boy whom no one else wants around is good enough for me," or sentiment to that effect.

A Midwestern division was created at Chicago, Ill. Then the Woodcraft League of America and the Boy Rangers. With these the Boys' Club of Terre Haute was affiliated.

Office Records.

Examination of police records and records in probate court in Terre Haute, reveal the fact that it is seldom that a Boys' Club boy suffered arrest. It has paid, this struggle for boys. The dividends which will be hers, when Flora Gulick leaves this life, will suggest new what she achieved.

Thousands of boys all over America are enjoying the work of Boys' Club and have been made better

men because of it. Hundreds and hundreds of boys right here in Terre Haute are better citizens, have been "snatched from the burning" by Mrs. Gulick, who is still combing from the beach of life the driftwood of humanity, although she has been very ill, and confined to her home for many weeks. Chicago hailed their Jane Addams, but Terre Haute has her Flora Gulick and her working slogan. For "the boy whom no one else wants around," and it is building "more stately mansions, Oh My soul," well for her, a building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Success of the Boys' Club has been recorded in weekly items of achievement of service to the city, and its beginning story will assure of why this is true.

Boys' Club Aided By United Fund

Editor's Note: George Knezevich is a State Laboratory High School junior who lives at 1536 Woodley Ave. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Knezevich. George wrote the following article to aid the United Fund campaign.

By GEORGE KNEZEVICH

The Terre Haute Boys' Club, 220 N. 3rd St., is available to any boy in the Wabash Valley who wants to join, approximately 1,800 boys.

A few of the facilities available for the boys include a library, a large game room with pool tables and ping-pong tables and a well equipped work shop.

A new addition at the club is a lapidary for the cutting

and shaping of stones. Available in the basement are a boxing ring, archery range, weight lifting and rifle range.

The club also has a large gymnasium 75 by 90 feet, with two playing floors for the many different basketball leagues throughout the winter.

There will be 20 teams in the biddy league this year which are divided into two different age groups.

The little biddy league is for boys eight, nine and 10 years of age, and the big biddy is for boys 11 and 12.

For older boys the club has a teenage league which is for boys 13 to 17 with a probable set-up of eight teams this season.

There will soon be a new league at the club, the industrial league for men 18 years of age and over.

On Saturday afternoons the gym is used by the United Church Basketball League comprising seven teams.

The gym is also used after hours on an average about three nights a week by companies such as Anaconda, Nitrogen, Pillsbury and the Case plant and by the fireman, police and a few nearby television and radio stations.

Sometimes the gym is used

Marion Photo.

The Boys' Club has probably one of the most modern boys' camps in the country with six cabins for the boys made of knotty spruce. Camp Gulick has a dining room seating over 100 boys, and a large kitchen.

The camp has well equipped bath rooms and a recreation room. For fishing the camp has a well stocked nine acre lake with three fishing boats, four-17 ft. canoes, in addition to four new 12-ft. canoes.

A safe swimming area is enclosed for beginning swimmers. For older boys the camp has an island with a tower for low and high diving.

Any boy eight to 14 can attend the camp which is open for four two-week periods in the summer. There is a two-week work period for older boys.

The Terre Haute Boys' Club is one of 27 in the state of Indiana. There are more than 870 Boys' Clubs serving over 850,000 boys in the U.S.

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TERRE HAUTE BOYS CLUB—George Knezevich, a junior at State Laboratory High School, interviews Ted Moore, executive director of tthe Boys Club, for an article in conjunction with the United Fund campaign. The Boys Club is one of 30 United Fund agencies.

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Developing character is principle objective of officials at Boys' Club

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Boys' Club News

A question most often asked is "What's a Boys' Club?" The Terre Haute Boys' Club is a place to do things. It's a place for all kinds of recreational and physical fitness activities, as well as, social and instructional pastimes.

Another question asked is "Why a Boys' Club?" Since 1907, the Terre Haute Boys' Club has prided itself in being in the right place at the right time. Even though places and times have changed, the job of the Boys' Club remains the same.

Every little boy has a need for interesting and exciting play. These physical, moral, mental and emotional needs must be met, and if we don't meet these needs with something that is interesting and exciting, he is going to meet his needs with something that isn't too good for him.

The future of our country is invested in these youngsters. We cannot train them by using force. Instead, we direct them with what pleases their minds.

At the Boys' Club, character development is a principle objective for our members. This is accomplished through definite planned programs and free play activities.

Organized athletic teams are an important ingredient in character development. The Boys' Club is well-known for its large basketball program. It provides a terrific weapon in the fight against juvenile delinquency because the youngsters are occupied with doing some-

thing they like and gives them less time for mischievous acts.

The Boys' Club conducts a wide variety of programs and projects for all boys. When a boy gets into a bumper pool game in the gamesroom at the club on a busy night, he's learning to concentrate and make decisions in the midst of utter confusion. He discovers there are times in life when you have to learn the rules before you play the game — the beginning of understanding our laws.

When you are young, table games like pool, ping pong, chess, checkers and shuffleboard are just as tense and exciting as competitive sports will be later on. They find out that sharing, holding their temper, and taking turns helps them get along with the other fellow.

Barry Miller, gamesroom director, reminds boys that game rules are on display in the gamesroom and activities are posted so each boy will know the dates and time.

Terry Fountain, woodshop director, invites all members and guests to visit the shop, examine the equipment and pick a project. Sometimes a boy's whole outlook on life changes when he gets a whiff of sawdust and discovers he has made something with his own two hands. Many youngsters need guidance while building a bird house or a gun

rack. We strive to fill that need with a skilled carpenter as head of the shop.

Another means of mental stimulation is our library. If only one boy a week discovers that he likes to read, isn't that enough to justify a library? There is a very fine room filled with more than a thousand books, each selected especially for its usefulness and appeal to boys.

Members of the Mothers Club are to meet 1 p.m. Thursday at the club. Mothers involved in club activities are invited to attend the meeting and help support this community service.

Through their operation of the club house snack bar and other fund-raising projects, the Mothers Club has purchased many new items for the club.

The Biddy Basketball Association is very proud of all its super salesmen who are selling Biddy Basketball booster cards. It looks like a big battle for everyone to see who wins the four top salesmen awards.

Team pictures are scheduled Dec. 12 through 17. During this week, all teams are required to be at the club one-half hour before their scheduled playing time.

Once each year you have an opportunity to do something big for your community; something highly worthwhile. This is your support of the United Way campaign. The Terre Haute Boys' Club is an agency that receives operating funds from the United Way. Any boy in the Wabash Valley is eligible to join the club.

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BOYS' CLUB SNACK BAR — The Mothers Club snack bar, a fund-raising project, helps the Boys' club buy needed items. Members of the Mothers Club are to meet 1 p.m. Thursday at

the club. Serving refreshments, from left, are Sharon Turner, Alice Rhodenbaugh and Shirley Woodason.

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Baker named; Action mounts

Peter F. Baker of Bloomington has been appointed assistant executive director of the Terre Haute Boys' Club.

As a high school student, Baker attended the Boys' Club in Bloomington. While attending Indiana State University, he worked part time at the local Boys' Club until he was graduated in 1974.

In 1975, Baker served as a pilot and flight instructor at Brown Flying School. He returned to ISU in 1976 for post-graduate work.

For the past year he has taught industrial education at Decatur High School.

Baker is a member of the North Side Breakfast Optimist Club and the local Big Brothers organization.



PETER BAKER

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Boys' Club Names Program Director

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Max Jones, executive director of the Terre Haute Boys' Club, has announced the appointment of Bruce Lemmon as fulltime director of all program and camp activities for the Boys' Club. The appointment will become effective the first of April.

Bruce recently graduated from Indiana State University with a B S Degree in recreation. He has been with the local club on a part-time basis for two and one half years and has served as physical education director, gamesroom director, camp counselor and as program director. He has also attended many state and organizational meetings as representatives of the Terre Haute Boys' Club.

Max Jones stated that "I am pleased that we at the Boys' Club are able to make such an addition to our staff and the Boys' Club and the boys in the community will benefit from our selection."

One of Bruce's first jobs will be getting ready for National Boys' Club week which will run from Sunday through April 11.

Bruce is the son of Robert and Lela Lemmon, local teachers in the Vigo County School Corp., who reside at 312 Woodbine



BRUCE LEMMON

Drive. He resides at RR 16, Brazil, with his wife, Claudia and five-month-old son, Dustin.

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Sunday, Jan. 3, 1971

Boys' Club

Last night was Boys' Club Biddy Ball Night at the Indiana State University Arena when ISU played Northern Illinois and a great many of our boys took advantage of it. All boys and their coaches gathered at the Boys' Club and attended the game in a group as guests of ISU. The boys appreciated this very much and want ISU to know that they enjoyed the game very much.

Tournaments in the games room for the upcoming Honor Night will begin tomorrow night in the games room at 7 p.m. Contests will be held over a period of time in billiards, bumper pool, ping-pong, chess, checkers and other activities to determine the champions who will receive awards on Honor Night. Any boy interested should see Pete on this.

The Boxing Department which meets each evening after 6 p.m. has sent word out for all old boxers to please come in and start training if they wish to participate in coming meets. This department would also like to start training any new boys who are interested in serious boxing.

The Terre Haute Boys' Club will be host for the 15-16-year-old Zone Basketball Tournament to be held in our gymnasium Jan. 11. Opening game will see Terre Haute playing Salk Boys' Club (Indianapolis).

Again this year our club will have charge of mailing out all Easter Seal letters for the crippled children. Our boys are very grateful to help on this project which will benefit all needy children.

The Teenage Basketball League will play their regular games tomorrow night, Jan. 4, at 6 p.m. First game will be Hawks vs. Warriors. Second game, at 7:15, will be Lakers vs. Knicks. Pacers drew a bye.

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 5:45, Clean Air Service vs. Elks and Walkers Nationwide Insurance vs. Bresler's 33 Flavors. 6:30, Breakfast O vs. FOP and Jaycees vs. White's Deep Rock Service. 7:15, Zephyr Gas vs. Floyd's Sunoco and Lemont Construction vs. Adams Pontiac.

Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 5:45, Coca-Cola vs. First National and Dennis Trucking vs. Pro Bowling. 6:30, Tarrh's Mobil Service vs. Coverstone Paint and Hillman's vs. Local 7441. 7:15, Redbirds vs. Local 157 and Smith-Alsop vs. Pacers.

Thursday, Jan. 7, at 5:45, Smith-Alsop vs. Jack Thrasher. 6:30, Pacers vs. Lion's Club. At 7:15, Zephyr Gas vs. Lemont Construction.

All departments at the Boys' Club are open daily. Many tournaments and contests are coming up in each department. Any interested boy should join up and come where the action is.

The Terre Haute Boys' Club is a participating member of your United Fund and Boys' Clubs of America. Any boy in the Wabash Valley is welcome to become a member.

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Boys' Club Leader, Ted Moore, Retires



TED MOORE

By CARL BENDER
Tribune Staff Writer

During Wednesday night's business session of the Hoosier Area Council of Boys' Clubs of America, the executive director of the local club will be honored for the work he has done for nearly one-third of a century.

Theodore K. (Ted) Moore, who has served as the executive director of the Terre Haute Boys' Club, 220 N. 3rd St., since January 1939, will retire from that post June 1.

The one-day Spring meeting began at noon with registration for the delegates from throughout the state and with an executive committee meeting.

After several business sessions, the members of the council will have their dinner

meeting at the Imperial House, with the presentation of various awards and the tribute to Moore highlighting the program.

The featured speaker for the dinner will be Don Lash, a gold medal winner as a member of the United States team in the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympic Games.

Although Moore became executive director of the local Boys' Club in 1939, he began his association with the organization in April 1928, when, as a student at Indiana State University, he started working as a physical director.

While a student at ISU, (class of '28) Moore was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity and played on the school's varsity football team,

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T. H. Boys' Club

Moore Retires

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being named its captain in 1925.

Two years before he accepted his present post, Moore left the city and took the position of physical director of the Waterbury (Conn.) Boys' Club.

In September 1938, he decided to take a special course in boys' club training at New York University. Upon completion of the course he returned to Terre Haute and took his present post.

Assuming his new duties, Moore began carrying out the work and dedication of the founder, Flora Gilman Gulick. During that initial year, Moore founded the Boys' Club camp and named it Camp Gulick in her honor.

The camp started with the rental of a small plot of ground on Sugar Creek between Turkey Run and Shades state parks.

Now a tract of 152 acres, a beautiful lake and 11 buildings, the camp has grown to one of the finest in the midwest. Its value has been placed at more than \$250,000.

The first Boys' Clubs were founded in 1906, with Mrs. Gulick, a young woman who founded the club while working as one of the city's first woman post office employees, starting the local club in January 1908 as a free night school for underprivileged newsboys.

The first meetings conducted by Mrs. Gulick were in the kitchen of the Social Settlement at 1st and Cherry streets.

The present home of the Boys' Club opened in 1911, the year it was incorporated, and it has grown to the point where it is one of the largest and most prominent affiliated with the national and international Boys' Club Federation.

Although Mrs. Gulick remained active in the club until her death in 1941, much of its success has been attributed to Moore.

Among his many awards is the Indiana Junior Chamber of Commerce award for work in Physical Fitness. In addition, he was presented with the first Brotherhood Award by the Terre Haute Ministerial Association in 1963.

In 1950, he was the recipient of the Boys' Club Keystone Award for outstanding work with the Boys' Clubs of America.

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Local Boys' Club Plans Busy Week

The Terre Haute Boys' Club, 220 N. 3rd St., will observe National Boys' Club Week, beginning today. Max Jones, executive director, said that a full calendar of events is scheduled, in keeping with the national observance.

"This week all Boys' Clubs in the United States unite for the cause of building juvenile delinquency through positive action," Jones said.

"This week, all of the nearly 1,100 Boys' Clubs of America are demonstrating that the more recognition given to good kids, the better they can become," Jones said. "There are millions of youngsters across the country who don't get into trouble, and they all deserve a pat on the back."

"In a Boys' Club, youngsters of all shape, size, color and condition find the facilities and trained guidance which permit them to develop in all directions — physically, mentally and spiritually," Jones pointed out.

Monday was highlighted by a physical fitness contest in which boys competed against other boys of the same size and age range. Outstanding overall physical fitness winners will be honored Saturday night during a special program recognizing winners of events during the past year.

A highlight of the night will be the naming of the "Boy of the Year" of the local club. The boy is elected on the basis of quantity and quality of services to his home, school, church, community and Boys' Club. The local winner is also entered in the national contest.

Other special programs during the week include a carnival on Wednesday night and a pie-eating contest on Friday night.

Jones has extended an invitation to citizens of the Terre Haute area to stop in the Boys'

Club this week and see the facilities and the services. The Terre Haute Boys' Club is a United Way Agency.

"We hope to show the kinds of services Boys' Clubs everywhere provide youngsters to help them grow up to be responsible and well-rounded citizens," Jones said. "We're proud to be a part of helping good kids become better adults."

The club, has occupied its

present building since 1950. There has been a Boys' Club serving Terre Haute for more than 65 years.

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BOYS' CLUB STAFF MEMBER Bruce Lemmon and a few of the club members discussed some of the activities planned during National Boys' Club Week, which begins today. The club is located at 220 N. 3rd St. Winners of events during the year will be honored at a special awards night Saturday.

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Boys' Club Week Banquet Slated

Boys Club (T.H.)

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Highlighting a week-long celebration of National Boys' Club Week, the Terre Haute Boys' Club will host an Honor Night Banquet Saturday evening.

The "Boy of the Year," will be named during the banquet. His selection is based on quantity and quality of services to his home, school, church, community and to the Boys' Club.

The local club Friday will sponsor a pie eating contest.

With the theme, "Good Kids Don't Grow on Trees," the Terre Haute Boys' Club has joined with more than 1,100 Boys' Clubs of America in the celebration of National Boys' Club Week, March 31-April 6.

Max Jones, Executive Director, said that a full program of events are taking place at the Boys' Club, located at 220 N. 3rd St., to focus attention on the week of the national youth guidance organization in its efforts to build "Juvenile Decency."

"At the Terre Haute Boys' Club," said Jones, "good kids get a chance to grow up under the principles of honesty, fair play and good sportsmanship—not only in sports but in daily living."

Locally, the Terre Haute Boys' Club offers daily services to some 1,500 members. "We hope to show the kinds of services Boys' Clubs everywhere provide youngsters to help them grow up to be responsible and well-rounded citizens," Jones said. "We're proud to be a part of helping good kids become better adults."

National, state and local authorities tell us that some 96 per cent of the nation's youth is made up of good kids—kids who don't break the law or never get into trouble.

If that's true, then who is making all the noise? Who is causing the almost daily headlines, of instances of youthful crime, drug addiction, vandalism and other forms of juvenile delinquency?

The fact is that the remaining four per cent of our teen-age population still makes up a whopping big number—nearly one and a half million youths between the ages of 13 and 19, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. That's a city-full, say the size of Detroit, of "noisy" young headline grabbers.

Even so, there are some 28½ million youngsters in that same age group who can be classified as "good kids." They may be contrary or restive at times, but they don't get their names listed on police blotters, they don't get and they don't wind up in some narcotics ward.

"Good kids don't grow on trees." They need to be nurtured and cultivated and guided in the right direction to grow into useful, productive citizens—just as young saplings need cultivation to grow into sturdy trees.

With the guidance of trained, professional youth workers, the youngsters here are participating in a variety of Boys' Club Week activities. A carnival was held in the gym on Wednesday night with many boys joining in the fun. A pass, dribble and shoot contest is scheduled for Thursday in the gym.

Jones has extended an invitation to citizens of the Terre Haute area to stop in the Boys' Club this week and see the facilities and the services. The Terre Haute Boys' Club is a United Way Agency.



JOINING CELEBRATION—The Terre Haute Boys' Club has joined more than 1,100 Boys' Clubs of America in the celebration of National Boys' Club Week, March 31-April 6. Shown at the local club with Max Jones, executive director, left, are clockwise, Claude Rowley, Greg Adams, Loren Holdaway, Gary Wilson, Mathew Airhart and Chris Selton.

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ATTEND CAMP—Leaving for Camp Gulick are several local boys who are participating in the first of eight, one-week sessions. Boys interested in attending a future session may obtain additional information from the Boys' Club.

Boys' Club Camp Gulick Has Openings

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Camp Gulick, sponsored by the Terre Haute Boys' Club, opened officially Monday. There are still numerous openings, interested boys should sign up at the Boys' Club immediately.

Camp sessions are divided into eight, one-week periods. The dates include, June 10-15; 17-22; 24-29; July 1-6; 15-20; 22-27; July 29-August 3 and August 5-10.

Such activities as fishing, canoeing, baseball, hiking and overnight camping trips are planned. Also, numerous water sports are to be enjoyed. Of special interest, is the week long canoe trip down Sugar Creek.

According to Max Jones, Boys' Club executive director, the purpose of Camp Gulick is to develop good citizens through work and play, to develop boys physically, mentally and morally.

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Terre Haute Boys' Club to Hold Open House for Public on Sunday

By BARBARA BRUGNAUX
Tribune Staff Writer

Open doors at the Terre Haute Boys' Club Sunday afternoon will welcome the public to inspect and explore facilities of the 63-year-old club.

Director Max Jones in extending the invitation, commented that there are several reasons for the open house:

"First, as a relatively new director, I'd like to meet the public that supports our club so well, and I think the parents of our boys have a right to come in and meet me and the staff that works with their sons.

"We've had two facilities completed recently that naturally we're quite proud of," continued Jones who succeeded veteran Boys' Club director Ted Moore June 1.

"And finally, since this is

United Fund campaign time and we are supported by the United Fund, I'd like the people to be able to see what they are paying for."

The new facilities Jones mentioned are a snack bar and a television room complete with a console color TV, gift of a friend of the club.

They join other facilities such as a gymnasium, workshop, games rooms for both the younger and older boys, kitchen, lockers, library, and classroom. A well-equipped playground ad joins the present building at 220 N. 3rd St.

The Terre Haute Boys' Club was founded in 1908 by Mrs. Flora Gilman Gulick who had realized that many young boys were not attending school and needed guidance. Five moves from 1908 until 1922 were needed as the club expanded rapidly. Present facilities, while the site of the club since 1922, have been rebuilt and enlarged several times.

Sunday's reception from 2-6 p.m. will afford the public an opportunity to see how the club's many activities promote its purpose of providing a safe, educational and fun place for the 1,844 boys enrolled. Of these, 1,228 are active members under the age of 16.

While the boys' club is not designed as a method of preventing juvenile delinquency, such a result is desired side effect. Boys are not just entertained but encouraged to participate in service projects benefiting not just the club, but the community, such as clean-up campaigns, Lions Club projects and bicycle safety programs.

The present staff in addition to director Jones includes from Indiana State University Mike Reyher, program director. Terry McGee and Mike Worrell, physical education directors, and Pete Baker, games room director. Bob Bensinger is shop director and Lex Nichols is in charge of maintenance.

Officers of the board of directors include Robert F. Scott, president; Dr. John L. Nichols, secretary, and Sid Levin, treasurer. The late Harold Napier was vice president.

Members of the board are: Howard T. Batman, Edward



MAX JONES

Baur, Mrs. Ben Blumberg, Ruel Schmidt, Donald Smith, Mrs. Burns Jr., John J. Cleary, Jr., John E. Talley, Marion Undermarsee A. Cox, George John-wood, Maynard Wheeler and son, Robert Prox, John G. George O. Wiemuth.

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Club Week Begins

By MARY ANNE PIERCE
Tribune Staff Writer

The Terre Haute Boys' Club will join thousands of other clubs in America this week celebrating National Boys' Club Week.

Every week is Boys' Club Week for a Pillsbury Company employee, however. Henry Ozok, who works as a maintenance man at the plant, developed an active interest in the club when he was only four years old. He learned what such an organization offers in the way of companionship and experienced a sense of belonging.

Since that time, Ozok has

stayed with the Terre Haute Boys' Club. He explains it, "I grew up on what you might call 'the other side of the tracks,' and having the club probably kept me from taking the wrong direction in life."

He has repaid his acceptance into the club 38 years ago hundreds of ways. When he isn't maintaining Pillsbury equipment, he often can be found working at Camp Gulick, the club camp. He looks after such projects as reroofing a cabin, repairing plumbing and other odd jobs around the wooded recreation area north of Terre Haute. He assisted other Boys'

Club backers in clearing hundreds of trees for the dam and lake site and hauled fish in a truck to stock the lake when it was completed.

He shares the opinion of many volunteers working with the Boys' Club that membership in the club in an invaluable experience in the life of a young boy.

During National Boys' Week,

the Terre Haute club will keep its members very busy, according to Ted Moore, director.

The finals in the Biddy Basketball Leagues will be played during the week. Championship rounds in all activities in the game room will be played each evening to determine winners and the physical fitness program in the gym will be judged, according to Moore.

Honor night will end the week-long observance, Saturday. Approximately 150 boys will receive trophies following a chicken dinner at which they will be William Malloy, professor of honored guests, Moore said.

physical education at Indiana State University, will be the guest speaker.

At the close of Boys' Club Week, the club will move into the spring schedule and will begin planning for the camping season ahead, Moore said.

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Robert Prox Re-Elected President Of Boys Club

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Robert Prox Jr. was re-elected recently president of the Terre Haute Boys Club for a second one-year term, according to a report from Max Jones, executive director of this United Way agency.

William Beasley was re-elected vice president and Sid Levin, treasurer, an office he has held for a number of years. Mrs. Dorothea Swander was elected secretary to succeed Dr. Betty Blumberg. New board members named, according to Jones, were Robert Wiemuth and Jerry Smith. Both will serve for two-year terms.

In his report to the board, Jones noted approximately 800 boys participated in the Biddy Basketball program, with the highlight of the season the International Junior Basketball Tournament. At this time, 35 boys from San Juan, Puerto Rico, participated and in August, 30 boys from the club from nine to 13 years of age, went to San Juan for 10 days.

Approximately 200 boys partici-

pated daily in the gamesroom programs and the club team won first place trophy for all gamesroom activities. The club's team also won the state chess championship.

Some 25 to 30 boys worked each night in the woodshop and made a number of bird houses for the club's Camp Gulick where approximately 60 boys attended each of the eight sessions during the past summer. They took part in a number of activities, including overnight camping, canoe trips down Sugar Creek, swimming and sports.

The club members took part in National Boys Club week and 14-year-old John Walton was named Boy of the Year at the local club for the quantity and quality of his services to home, school, church, community and the club.

Some 500 boys attended the annual Christmas party and a number of the boys were guests of Don Smith at the Tony Hulman Classic.

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Boys' Club Week Being Observed

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Special events are scheduled each day this week by the Terre Haute Boys' Club, as observance of National Boys' Club Week by the local organization and 959 similar clubs in the United States gets underway.

Max Jones, executive director of the Terre Haute Boys' Club, said that Monday's highlight will be a physical fitness contest in which boys will compete against others of the same size and age range.

Outstanding overall winners will be announced Saturday night during a special awards program. Also, the "Boy of the Year" award of the local club will be made, with quality and quantity of services to his home, school, church, community and Boys' Club the basis for selection. The winner also is entered in the national contest.

"This week all Boys' Clubs in the United States unite for the cause of building juvenile decency through positive action," Jones said.

"In a Boys' Club, youngsters of all shape, size, color and condition find the facilities and trained guidance which permit them to develop in all directions—physically, mentally and spiritually," Jones pointed out.

Other special programs during the week include an amateur hour Tuesday night; a carnival on Wednesday night; a rifle shoot and a father and son contest on Thursday night, and a

pie eating contest on Friday night.

Jones has extended an invitation to citizens of the Terre Haute area to stop in the Boys' Club this week and see the facilities and the services.

"We hope to show the kinds of services Boys' Clubs everywhere provide youngsters to help them grow up to be responsible and well-rounded citizens," Jones said.

The club, located at 220 N. 3rd St., has occupied its present building since 1950. There has been a Boys' Club serving Terre Haute for more than 40 years.

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By GLADYS SELTZER

Star Staff Writer

With members of the Terre Haute Boys' Club joining nearly a million youngsters across the county in celebrating this week National Boys' Club Week, it is interesting that two members of the Terre Haute Boys' Club this week received cards from their friends who are members of the San Juan Boys Club in Puerto Rico.

The correspondence was a re-

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sult of the annual basketball tournament March 29 at the local club when members of the San Juan team were among the contestants. The 26 boys from the island came and were entertained by parents of 13 local club members in their homes.

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According to Max Jones, executive director of the club, the parents who hosted the visitors regretted that they could have them for only one week.

The Star received Tuesday a letter from Mrs. "Chuck" Miles. She and her husband were among the Terre Hauteans who hosted two of the boys at their home, 401 S. 18th St.

"My husband being a coach is involved, as we are, with many fine boys," the letter stated. "I'm afraid these two won our hearts as well as our love. Diego Martin and Jimmy Valero became a part of our lives as if it were written that way."

"How sad we are that they cannot return next year because of their age," the letter continued. "We will however, keep in touch and for this we want to thank Max Jones and the Terre Haute Boys' Club for allowing the Miles family the rare privilege of meeting such fine young men."

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There has been a special event each night this week at the club and at 6 p.m. Wednesday the feature is the carnival for which the Mothers' Club has donated all the prizes.

Thursday night's event will be a rifle shoot scheduled for 6 p.m. under the supervision of Larry Trueblood, a member of the Terre Haute police force who has volunteered his services for this program.

On Friday night there will be a pie-eating contest and on Saturday night the closing banquet when awards will be given to the winners in the events of the week which included also an amateur talent night and an athletic event.

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Boys' Club News

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By JOEY B. BENNETT
Club Staff Member

The Terre Haute Boys' Club has received valuable Christmas presents through the generosity of Max Gibson.

Gibson, whose assistance to the Boys' Club and other organizations is well known, provided the TV room of the club with new carpeting — and a 50-inch projection television screen.

Gym directors Shorty Bradford and Bob Jones report that just four teams remain unbeaten in the biddy basketball leagues. After six weeks of play, all four of these teams are tied for the little biddy league at 6 and 0. They are T.H. Engraving, Coca Cola, Shew's Truck, and the Bottomhalf. The big biddy has a three-way tie between Carney Tire, Breakfast Optimist and Hillmans at 5 and 1.

The Knicks and Pistons are tied at 5 and 1 for the senior biddy league, and the Otters and Royals are deadlocked at 6 and 2 for the Junior High 7th grade league. The rules adopted last week by the biddy leagues have been favorably accepted by all involved.

The Junior High 7th and 8th grade holiday basketball tournaments will start this Tuesday. Three games will be played nightly in the single elimination affair through Friday. The championship rounds will take place at 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday. All games will be refereed by licensed officials, played on a full court and governed by IHSAA rules.

Farmersburg joins Brazil, Woodrow Wilson, West Vigo, Otter Creek, Sarah Scott, Chauncey Rose and Honey Creek to complete the eight team field. All fans and cheerleaders are urged to attend. The Boys' Club's 13-14 year old All-Star team will play a preliminary game at Seymour on Dec. 30.

Campers Club president, Mike Behnke, has been busy with the production of Christmas candles with the campers as a fund-raising project. The next meeting of the club is Jan 6.

The annual sectional gamesroom tournament at Columbus, Ind., will be held Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 10 o'clock. Terre Haute will be joined by Indianapolis Atkins, Bloomington, Shelbyville, Seymour, Bedford, and host Columbus in the field. The 11-13 and 14-16 age groups will be competing in ping pong, checkers, eight ball and knock hockey.

Winners of last weeks air hockey tournament include Brade Shassere, Ken Roberts, Jim Funk and Frank Dixon. Bumper pool champs were Don England, Kyle Kraemer, Gary Wilford and Tom Cassidy. Pool winners include Eric Rust, Phillip Davis, Kyle Kraemer and Marvin Airhart. Ping pong champs were Jerry Urbain and Frank Dixon.

The Boys' Club offers a wide variety of activities for boys of all ages. Any boy in the Wabash Valley is eligible to become a member.

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NEW OFFICERS and board members of the Terre Haute Boys' Club were installed during ceremonies Tuesday evening. They include, seated from left: John Nichols, president; Henry Ozak, vice president; Mrs. Ben Blumberg, secretary, and Sid Levin, treasurer. Board members standing from left are, Robert Prox, George Wiemuth, Charles Morris, Robert Scott, John Gelder, Maynard Wheeler, Mike Reyher and Max Jones, executive director. (Related story on Page 16).

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Gelder Appreciates Work Of Local Boys' Club Most

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EDITOR'S NOTE — With the United Way of the Wabash Valley campaign moving into full swing, Jack Gelder, a member of the board of directors of the Terre Haute Boys' Club and a WTWO television executive, wrote the following account of what the Boys' Club means to him. We think it's worth reprinting in The TRIBUNE-STAR.

By JACK GELDER

Maybe I'm a sucker for kids but the exciting spectacle of 10 little guys playing basketball as though the world championship were at stake, really turns me on.

You can watch this all-out 100 per cent do-or-die effort hundreds of times a month during the Biddy Basketball season (November through March) at the Terre Haute Boys' Club.

Of all the United Way agencies, and each one of them is terribly important to our community, the Boys' Club is my favorite.

In addition to the 70 some Bidd Basketball teams that will participate this year, the Boys' Club features a jillion other activities that boys of all ages can enjoy.

The Boys' Club at 220 N. Third St. promotes all kinds of recreation, physical fitness, hand crafts, wood crafts and instructional and social activities.

Camp Gulick, its summer camp, is a honey, providing hundreds of boys an experience in outdoor living unavailable anywhere else.

Trained workers at the Boys' Club help the youngsters discover their needs, enjoy their interests, nurture their talents, broaden their viewpoints, dissolve their prejudices, resolve their conflicts, set their goals and (perhaps most important of all) to understand themselves.

Boys of all races, religions and colors in the Wabash Valley are urged to join. No proof of good character or pledge is required.

Just about every boy there is can afford to belong. Membership dues are purposely kept extremely low so the poorest as well as the least interested can afford to belong on an equal basis with every other boy.

I hope you'll join me in going

all out to support the Terre Haute Boys' Club. Your pledge to the United Way will provide that support.

Remember the old but still true quote of many years ago. "No man stands as tall as when he stops to help a boy."

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HONOR FOUNDER OF BOYS' CLUB—Tribute was paid to the late Mrs. Flora G. Gulick, founder of the Terre Haute Boys' Club Thursday afternoon by several members of the local organization. Flowers were furnished by the Lioness Club. At Mrs. Gulick's grave in Woodlawn Cemetery are, standing, David Griffith, John Rowley, Spencer Rowley and Mike Reyher, program director. Kneeling are Curtis Bell, Norman Loudermilk and Tony Buckhorn. Photo by Chuck Strausburg.

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Terre Haute Boys' Club Hails 1,000 New Unit

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Members of the Terre Haute Boys' Club will help write history during the week of Oct. 8-15 when they join 999 other Boys' Clubs in saluting the 1,000th Boys' Club to be admitted into membership in the Boys' Clubs of America.

Max Jones, executive director, announced that the Wheeler Boys' Club of Indianapolis will be formally dedicated today, as the 1,000th member club of the national youth guidance organization. City, state and national government officials, as well as leaders in business, industry, civic and service groups will participate in the gala dedication ceremonies at Indianapolis.

As part of the celebration, the local club sent a giant welcoming postal card (four by 20 feet) to the new Wheeler Boys' Club saying:

"Everyone at the Terre Haute Boys' Club take much pride in congratulating you, the Wheeler Boys' Club, on this outstanding achievement and it is our pleasure to salute in observance of this historic occasion."

"This is an historic occasion for the Boys' Club movement," Jones said. "Since our founding in 1860 and our incorporation in 1960, the Boys' Club movement has worked long and hard to achieve this goal."

With the dedication of this 1,000th Boys' Club, the national

youth guidance organization concludes a journey which began in 1860 at Hartford, Conn., with the establishment of something called "The Dash-away Boys' Club." That journey has been marked with failures, disappointments, opposition, obstruction and a seemingly endless litany of adolescent ailments.

That the journey has also been marked with the growth into responsible manhood of surgeons, senators, ministers, mayors and musicians, actors, athletes, architects and multiple thousands of solid citizens who were members of these clubs says much for the organization which claims "Boys' Clubs Build Juvenile Decency."

Today, having dedicated its offers daily, professionally supervised programs of recreation and guidance and unlimited opportunities to almost one million boys.

The Terre Haute Club, located at 220 N. 3rd St. welcomes visitors at anytime.

"We hope the whole community drops by," Jones said. "We're proud to show the kinds of services we and the 999 other Boys' Clubs in the country provide youngsters every day to help them grow up to be responsible, well-rounded citizens."

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Boys' Club

Will Honor

Herbert Hoover

Members of the Terre Haute Boys' Club will join members of hundreds of other Boys' Clubs from Hawaii to Maine on Thursday in observing the 98th anniversary of Herbert Hoover's birth.

Max E. Jones, Executive Director explained that the late President's birthday has special significance for Boys' Club members.

"Mr. Hoover served as board chairman of the Boys' Clubs of America for 28 years, during which time the number of Boys' Clubs and Club members increased more than four times," said Jones. "On his birthday Boys' Club members always sent him cards and homemade gifts, which he greatly enjoyed. Now, with our movement grown to some 985 Boys' Clubs and almost a million members, we like to remember his birthday and all the good things he did for Boys' Clubs."

Jones said Boys' Club members here will mark President Hoover's birthday by having a boy read aloud Mr. Hoover's "What Is a Boy" essay, reciting The Boys' Club pledge in his honor and a minute of silent prayer. The ceremony will take place at Camp Gulick.

In addition, Jones said, special ceremonies will be held by representatives of the national Boys' Clubs organization at West Branch, Iowa, where Hoover was born and is buried. A huge floral wreath will be placed at the late President's grave by an honor guard of Boys' Club members and speakers will trace Mr. Hoover's many contributions to Boys' Clubs, which he often described as "the greatest character building institutions in our country."

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Lex Nichols, 67-Yr. Member of Boys' Club, Will Retire as Craft Instructor Sept. 1

By JAMES McHARGUE
Tribune Staff Writer

Lex Nichols, active in the Terre Haute Boys Club since its inception, has announced his intention to retire as craft instructor effective Sept. 1.

Nichols is a charter member of the Boys' Club in Terre Haute, joining in 1905, the first year of the club's operation.

The veteran instructor first became a paid employee of the Boys' Club in 1913, when he was assigned to take charge of the soap and towels at the old clubhouse on Chestnut St.

In 1920 Nichols was appointed assistant superintendent of the club and he remained in that post until 1938, when he chose to become head of the crafts department.

Nichols took time to recall some of the problems of operating the Boys Club in the 1930's:

"We really had problems with money back then. We had funds from the Community Chest (United Way,) but they usually ran out by February.

"I finally worked out a deal where 150 local businessmen would donate a dollar a month to us. My main job was going around to these businessmen to collect the money so we could stay open.

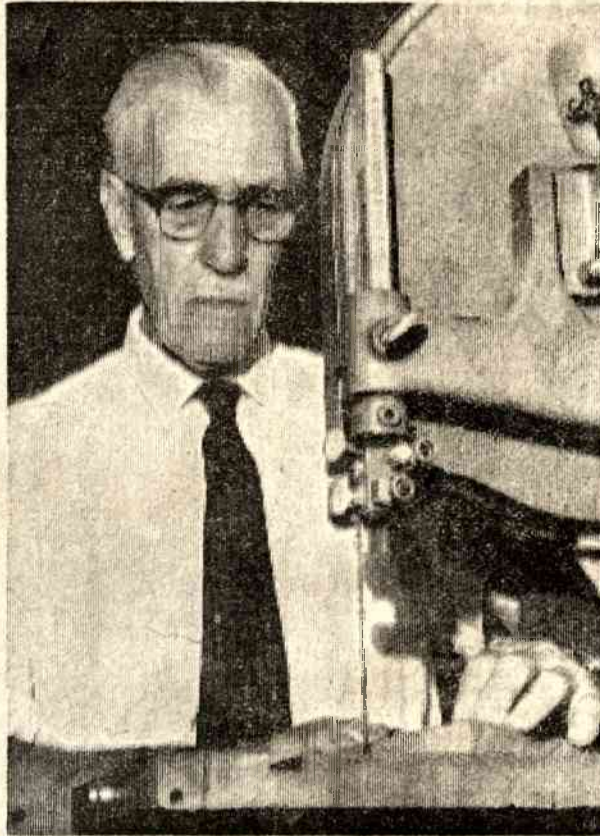
"We were located at 3rd and Ohio Sts. back then. Although I was always listed as assistant superintendent I usually ended up running things because we would bring in some superintendent from out of town, but there wouldn't be any money to pay him with and he'd take off for greener pastures.

"I finally decided to become crafts instructor because I could not satisfy the boys, the parents and the board of directors all at once."

Nichols also noted some differences between the club back then and the club now:

"There is no reason why the Boys' Club can't progress to untold heights now. We have more money than ever before and our board of directors is the best ever. They are intelligent and realize the needs of the club.

"We have the right personnel now and people are beginning to realize the true value and effect the Boys' Club has on young men.



WORKING WITH WOOD—Lex Nichols, using the band saw to create something out of wood. He has been craft instructor at the Terre Haute Boys' Club for over 35 years. Over 20,000 youngsters have been taught to respect machinery by Nichols. House of Photography Photo.

and family."

Nichols has taught and been a part of the teenage lives of over 20,000 boys during the past 67 years. He has taught the grandchildren of his former students.

Nichols is the only craft instructor the Terre Haute Boys' Club has even employed. He personally made every mold and pattern the youngsters use to build cabinets, shelves, plaques, etc.

Nichols also believes the Boys' Club has been a factor in keep-

ing many young men from turning to drugs.

"We just tell the boys we won't stand for that kind of stuff around here. They respect the Boys' Club enough not to take drugs or smoke marijuana.

"Thank God we do have some control, drugs are a terrible thing and can ruin the lives of anyone."

The Boys' Club currently has over 1,100 members and with expanded programs more are joining every year.

Nichols feels that his role as

"It was a real struggle to stay open in the old days."

Through the years, all 67 of them, Nichols has learned that his chosen livelihood has its rewards:

"The joy of seeing a smile on a kids face after he has built or done something he thought he couldn't do is enough reward for all the disappointments I may have had in past years.

"I believe working with kids keeps you young. You may think you've seen everything, but something new happens every day. It's wonderful.

"I treat all the boys like they are my own son. I'm always here to help and it's always nice to see a boy come back a success in life with a good job

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EXAMINING WOOD PATTERNS — Lex Nichols examines some of the patterns he has personally cut. The patterns are used by the young men at the Terre Haute Boys' Club in Nichols' craft shop, when they build something from wood. House of Photography Photo.

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All Terre Haute Boys' Club campers are home and back in school after spending an enjoyable Summer at Camp Gulick. The Boys' Club reopened on Sept. 7, after being closed for two weeks of clean up and maintenance. Pete Baker and Mike Reyher have assisted Max Jones, Director of the Club, and Lex Nichols in putting the club in shape. Two new bumper pool tables have been added to the game room and all other pool tables have been reconditioned.

Susie Buck, who has been assisting in the office for the summer, has accepted a teaching position in Waynetown, Ind. She will be teaching math in the junior high school. Mrs. Betty Huffenberger will be the new secretary of the Boys' Club.

A new policy has been adopted concerning dues. All boys, joining the club, under sixteen will pay \$2.00 dues a year for the 1971-72 season. All members sixteen and over will pay \$3.00.

The six best campers of the camping season spent an enjoyable day at the Indiana State Fair. The boys winning this honor were Brian Kelley, Lynn Mershon, Mike Joyner, Scott Sinclair, Dwight Perry and Duane Boyce.

The Boys' Club deeply regrets the loss of Paul Lemmon, who passed away on Sept. 3. Lemmon was the Midwest Regional Director Max Jones helping America. Lemmon had spent the day in Terre Haute three weeks ago talking with Club to make future plans for programs for our club.

The Doan and Decker Ford Sales is sponsoring a Pass, Punt and Kick Competition for all boys ages 8 through 13. Gene Shike, head football coach and his staff at North Vigo High School will conduct the contest. The Boys' Club is promoting the event which will be held at ISU Wally Marks Field on Oct. 29. Boys need not be a member of the Boys' Club to participate. It is open to all boys. Registration blanks may be obtained at Doan and Decker Ford Sales and Terre Haute Boys' Club.

The Terre Haute Boys' Club is a participating member of your United Fund and Boys' Clubs of America. Any boy in the Wabash Valley is welcome to become a member.

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Honors Cap Boys' Club Week Here

Boys Club (T.H.)

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Observance of National Boys' Club Week in Terre Haute ended Saturday night with an Honors Night banquet at the local club honoring members and officials.

Among the many awards presented was the "Man and Boy Award" received by John G. Schmidt, local banker and long-time member of the club's board of directors.

Neil LaGrange, 13, an active Boys' Club member, presented the award to Schmidt and spoke about his many contributions to the club.

From the time of his appointment to the board in 1946 through 1964, Schmidt served as president of the board for eight years and vice president for seven years, LaGrange noted.

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It was Schmidt who served as chairman of the building fund drive for the present club facility in 1949 and 1950 and who moved the acceptance of the construction bid. This realization was a major step in the club's history.

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MAN AND BOY AWARD. — John G. Schmidt, left, receives the "Man and Boy Award" from Neil LaGrange during Saturday's Honors Night program at the Terre Haute Boys' Club. Schmidt was honored for his long service to the club. (Photo by Smith)

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ing a long dream of local club directors.

LaGrange also recalled it was Schmidt who served as chairman of a committee which recommended the selling of peanut brittle as a fund-raising project, a tradition begun by the boys in 1933 and continuing today.

"Never has he refused a job or an assignment that needed to be done," LaGrange said in presenting Schmidt the award. Schmidt had earlier delivered the main address of the evening.

Schmidt, who is vice president of the Indiana State Bank, resides at 1006 S. Fruitridge Ave.

The Boy of the Year Award was made to Danny Kunkel, a junior at North High School. Ted Moore, retired executive director of the club made the presentation to Kunkel who was cited for his contributions to the club, his church and his school.

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Four awards to the outstanding boys in different categories were made at the banquet. Board member Henry Ozok presented the Woodshop Award to Mike Miller; board member Dr. John Nichols gave the Gymnasium Award to Steve Sweeney; president Robert Scott presented the Games Room Award to Rick Sanders, and board member Robert Prox Jr. gave the physical fitness award to Duane Boyce.

A special award went to Lex Nichols, 75, the oldest living member of the club. Nichols at the age of eight joined with several other local boys when the late Flora Gulick founded the club.

Nichols has served as shop director at the club for the last 44 years and has been associated with the club for 61 years of his life. He has estimated some 25,000 boys have been in his classes during that time.

Max E. Jones, executive director, paid his compliments to all winners of club awards and particularly thanked the Mothers Club which sponsored the banquet.

T.H. Boys Club
Officers Chosen
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To Serve Boys' Club

Six directors were re-elected and officers elected during the annual meeting of the board of the Terre Haute Boys' Club Tuesday afternoon.

George Wiemuth was elected president; Donald Smith, vice president; Ralph Llewellyn, treasurer; A. William Burton, financial secretary, and Ruel F. Burns, Jr., recording secretary.

Re-elected to the board for two-year terms were Ted Bauer, John J. Cleary, George Johnson, Robert Prox, Sr., Donald Smith and Marion Underwood.

Holdover directors are Edward Baur, Ruel F. Burns, Jr., Judge H. Ralph Johnston, Sidney Levin, Ralph Llewellyn, John G. Schmidt, Robert F. Scott, Mrs. John E. Talley and George Wiemuth.

T.H. Boys' Club
Mrs. Talley Gets
Coveted Award
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Mrs. John E. Talley of Terre Haute received the coveted National Medallion Award recently for her "outstanding service to the community" in Boys' Club work.

Mrs. Talley, who is a board member of the Terre Haute Boys' Club, received the award from Ted Moore, executive director of the local Boys' Club, Wednesday at the annual Hoosier Area Council meeting of the Boys' Clubs of America in Shelbyville.

More than 120 persons representing 22 Boys' Clubs from

throughout Indiana attended to elect new state officers at the Shelbyville Club. The meeting was followed by an evening awards banquet at the Shelbyville Elks Club.

At that banquet, the "Golden Boy" award was presented to outgoing Hoosier Area Council President Howard Young of Bloomington in recognition of his two years of service as head of the state council. The award was presented by John Wetnight Jr., president of the Shelbyville Boys' Club board of directors.

The council drew representatives from Indianapolis, Anderson, Bloomington, Bedford, Columbus, Cicero, Gary, Greenfield, Lebanon, Madison, Noblesville, Richmond, Seymour, Warsaw, Shelbyville and Terre Haute.

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MAX JONES

T.H. Boys' Club Plans Open House

Max Jones, director of the Terre Haute Boys' Club, announced that the public is invited to "inspect and explore the facilities" of the 64-year-old club during an open house Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. In extending the invitation, Jones commented that there are several reasons for the open house.

"I'd like to meet the public that supports our Club so well and I think the parents of our boys have a right to come in and meet me and the staff that works with their sons," and since this is United Way Campaign time and we are supported by the United Way, I'd like the people to be able to see what they are paying for," Jones said.

Several officers and board members of the Boys' Club will be on hand to greet visitors during the open house.

A highlight of Monday evening will be the kickoff of the Biddy Basketball program, with Terre Haute Mayor William J. Brighton expected to toss the opening tipoff at 5:45 p.m.

Guests will be able to observe the wide range of activities offered at the Boys' Club. In the revamped recreation room in the basement, table games are available every day, along with plaster molding, rifle range, weight lifting, movies, lessons in playing the organ, and singing in the Boys' Club choir.

The Terre Haute Boys' Club was founded in 1908 by Mrs. Flora Gilman Gulick who had realized that many young boys were not attending school and needed guidance. Five moves from 1908 until 1922 were needed

as the club expanded rapidly. Present facilities, while the site of the club since 1922, have been rebuilt and enlarged several times.

Monday's open house will afford the public an opportunity to see how the club's many activities promote its purpose of providing a safe, educational and fun place for the 1,844 boys enrolled. Of these, 1,228 are active members under the age of 16.

While the boys' club is not designed as a method of preventing juvenile delinquency, such a result is a desired side effect. Boys are not just entertained but encouraged to participate in service projects benefiting not just the club, but the community.

The present staff in addition to director Jones, includes Betty Hullenberger, secretary; Mike Reylher, program director; Dale Fell, physical education director; Pete Baker, games room director; Bob Bensinger, shop director; and Robert Felice, recreation room and music director.

Officers of the board of directors include Robert F. Scott, president; Dr. John L. Nichols, secretary; Sid Levin, treasurer, and Don Smith, vice president.

Members of the board are: Howard T. Batman, Edward Baur, Mrs. Ben Blumberg, Ruel Burns Jr., John J. Cleary Jr., Marsee A. Cox, John T. Gelder Jr., George Johnson, Charles Morris, Edwin C. Niemeyer, Henry Ozek, Robert F. Prox Jr., John G. Schmidt, Mrs. John Talley, Marion Underwood, Maynard Wheeler and George O. Wiemuth.

Biblical Drama Published By Dr. Etheridge

Dr. Eugene W. Etheridge, Associate Professor of English at ISU, announced today the publication of his latest work, *The Man from Uz*, a paraphrase drama based on the biblical story of Job. It is published by The Golden Quill Press of Francetown, New Hampshire, and is now on sale at the ISU bookstore.

"I have always believed," the author says, "that the book of

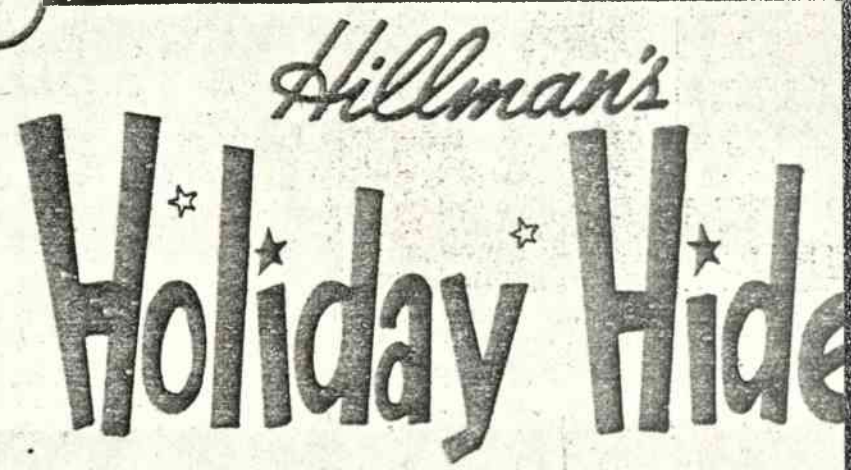
Job was originally presented as a drama, and if so, it is the world's oldest. However, in its present form, it could not be successfully presented on the modern stage. In *The Man from Uz* we have a play that can be performed."

In his introduction, Dr. Etheridge points out that the most attractive feature of his book is its readability. He adds that Job, unfortunately, is among the most poorly translated parts of the Old Testament, largely because so much of the vocabulary is used nowhere else in the Bible. In fact, nearly fifty words have been traced to the more ancient Chaldean language, spoken from 3,000 to 4,000 B.C. Such expressions as "Can you loose the bands of the wild ass?" the author renders "Can you take the stripes off a

zebra's back?" the bond of kinship their loins with clarifies to reach with sick makes him well are but a few expressions the in his translation text.

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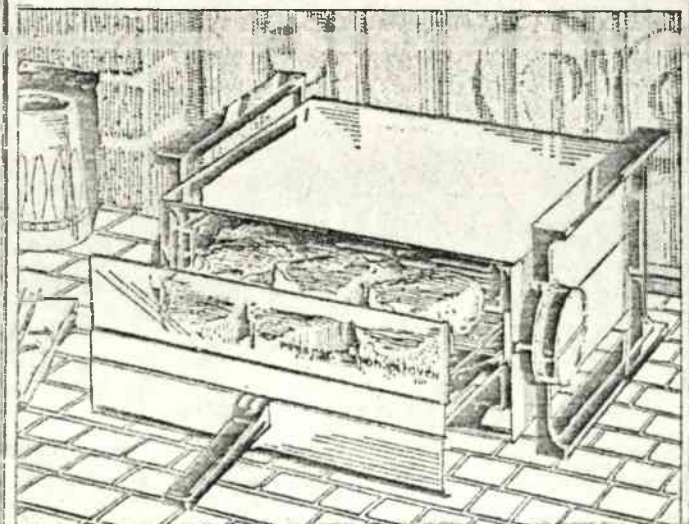
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WORLD'S LARGEST DISPLAY OF COFFEE—On display at both Great Scot Supermarkets are 21,000 cans of Maxwell House coffee. Beginning today, May 17th, and for the next two weeks, the Terre Haute Boy's Club will receive 5 cents for each pound of Maxwell House coffee sold. Because Maxwell House coffee, a division of General Foods, likes to assist a most worthy group, Marvin Harris, left, sales representative for Maxwell House coffee and Ken Mitchell, general manager of both Great Scot Supermarkets, completed the arrangements. It is possible that Max Jones, right, executive director of the Terre Haute Boys Club will receive \$1400.40 for the boys organization.

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Public invited to open house



Boys' Club Mothers

Officers of the Boys' Club Mothers' Club, with Boys' Club director Max Jones, include, from the right, Beverly Crapo, president, Linda Leeman, vice president, and Ruth Boyce, secretary-treasurer.

By JOEY BENNETT
Boys' Club Staff

The weather is turning cooler, outdoor activities are slacking off, and the Boys' Club is a busy place, providing many and varied activities. Members may participate in all types of programs, structured or unstructured, ranging from quiet activities for the individual to active programs for groups.

Max Jones, director of the Terre Haute Boys' Club, has announced that the public is invited to inspect and explore the 70 year old club during an open house today from 1 to 6 p.m. In extending the invitation, Jones commented that there are several reasons for the open house.

"Today's open house will afford the public an opportunity to see we've had changes in our facilities recently that we're quite proud of. A new tile floor has been put in throughout the

club replacing the old tile floor that held up good for the past 28 years. The gym floor has been completely refinished.

"I'd like to meet the public that supports our club so well, and I think the parents of our boys have a right to come in and meet the people who work with their sons. And, since this is United Way campaign time and we are supported by the United Way, I'd like the people to be able to see what they are paying for," Jones said.

Several officers and board members of the Boys' Club will greet visitors during the open house. The Mother's Club will be on hand serving refreshments and guests will be given a tour of the facilities, and all activities offered at the Boys' Club will be explained, he continued.

Registration for the annual "Punt, Pass and Kick" competition is coming to an end. The contest will be conducted

tomorrow, at 7 p.m. at the Terre Haute North Vigo High School football field, under the guidance of the North coaching staff and players. The contest is again being promoted by the Boys' Club and sponsored by Doan and Decker. The competition is open to boys and girls 8 to 13 years of age. The youngsters need not be members of the Boys' Club to participate.

Anyone meeting the age requirements who can punt, pass and kick a football, or who would like to try, may compete. Contestants are pitted against those their own age. There is no body contact, and no special equipment is necessary.

Judges score one point for each foot the ball travels on the fly, minus one point for each foot the ball lands to the right or left of the tape. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers.

First place winners in each age group advance to zone com-

petition, and from there, top winners go on up the ladder through District, Area Division and National finals that will be held at the Super Bowl game at Miami. This is the 18th year for the PPK program. This annual event has been sponsored by the Ford Dealers of America in cooperation with the National Football League. Last year, club member Andy Metheny went all the way to the NFL finals at Tampa, Fla. This should be an added incentive to any youngster interested in entering.

Basketball season is just around the corner, and an organizational meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3. Anyone interested in coaching a team, or offering volunteer help as referees, timers, etc., is urged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Boys' Club. We are anticipating another successful season and hope you will be able to join us and bring a friend.

The expiration date has passed on the membership cards and all boys are urged to sign up for the coming season. The dues are \$3 for boys under 16 years of age and \$4 for boys over 16. Any boy interested in making new friends and having lots of fun should sign up at the Boys' Club now. Club hours are 3 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

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New activities planned at Camp Gulick this year

Boys' Club News

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By BOYS' CLUB STAFF

Summer is here and that means the time is now to start planning on spending a couple of weeks at Boys' Club Camp Gulick.

Camp director Terry Kane reports many new and exciting activities are in store for the boys. Camp registration is to begin Monday, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible. There is to be eight one-week sessions starting June 12.

The Boys' Club Camp Gulick is planning an open house for members and their parents, Sunday, June 11, from noon until 6 p.m.

There will be a variety of activities such as boating, fishing, swimming and hiking to participate in. Free cold drinks are to be provided. Bring a picnic lunch and the entire family can join in the fun. Persons may also visit the camp's nature center.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Experienced counselors are to be on hand for guided tours and to answer any questions you may have about the camp. You will have the opportunity to see the environment your child will be placed in and some of the exciting things he is to be doing at camp.

The Boys' Club is participating with the state Summer Feeding Food program. Boys should inquire at the club to see if they qualify for a free week at camp.

The Boys' Club Campers Club Association is planning a canoe-a-thon May 27-28. The club is divided up into teams and might be contacting you and asking for a pledge.

Two boys from each team - five teams in all - are to canoe from Camp Gulick down Sugar Creek to the Wabash River and then down to Terre Haute, a total of 50 miles. The boys are planning to make this an annual event.

A bit of color has been added to the Boys' Club basement by the murals class from Indiana State University.

One large mural demonstrates a number of

activities that take place at camp, while the other murals' theme is "Understand Your Fellow Man." The Boys' Club would like to thank the class for a job well done. Members were John Huches, Kathy Roach, Pam Ryker, Karen Brown, Barbara Hamm and Mary Kennedy.

Max Jones, executive director of the Boys' Club, was a delegate to the 72nd annual National Conference of the Boys' Clubs of America this past week held in New York City. Using the theme "Designing Our Future," the conference was geared to prepare Boys' Club workers to face the problems which will confront youth over the next decade.

All America basketball star Larry Bird and teammates Bob Heaton and Steve Reed from Indiana State University are to be the instructors for the local Boys' Club summer basketball school.

A tentative schedule for the school will include four separate two-week sessions. Registration is according to age groupings with June 12 for boys age eight and under; June 26, ages 9, 10 and 11; July 10, for 12, 13 and 14; and July 24 for boys 15 and over.

The school is to be conducted Monday through Friday during a two-week period and boys will be scheduled in either a morning session from 10 a.m. to noon, or in the afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Registration fee for the school is \$15 and each participant is to receive at the conclusion of his session a "Boys' Club Basketball School-1978" tee shirt, a basketball manual edited by the instructors and an autographed picture of the participant with the instructors.

Registration is to start May 30.

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BOYS' CLUB HONORS — Adults honored at the annual Recognition Dinner of the Terre Haute Boys' Club Friday evening included, from the left, Jimmy Smith of Indiana State University basketball fame and a former Boys' Club member named its Distinguished Alumnus for 1978, Lucien Meis Jr. who received the "Outstanding Community Service" award, and Maynard Wheeler, was presented a special award in connection with his 10-year service to the club as a member of its board of directors.

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